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7mo 10th 1792

Dear Edmund

I duly rec'd thine of 5 mo 26 with Invoice or Bill of 10 Casks Bread &c with Post Order for £30. 3 together £73. 8. 9 at 6/ which I credit thy Account for, having let the Bread go at the cost. which is much approved. & it will give me pleasure to render a son of my valued friend P B every service in my power, both for his Father & his own sake. & Having a speedy demand for eight thousand weight of good Ship Bread. I have haste the May flowers departure to procure it. & shall be glad if T Bickly can furnish it. the Cask are or will be on board. I should not have troubled thee with this matter but from the desire thou hast for serving him and my ignorance of his given name I think I observed branded on the Cask P B.

Capt Mansfield handed me thine of 7 th inst. for thy assistance to him I am much obliged. the sales of the Candles thou inclosed are very satisfactory thier Amo £ I place to the Debit I am sorry thou art out of that Article as they are of slow sale, I now send thee 50 Boxes mark marked E P of same quality with the former & 50 Boxes mark ## equally good as to dry nes & dipping but being made of the foot of Body Oil are not so fully to be relyed upon as to be willing to say they are equally as good. the difference I suppose cannot be discovered by a Person not used to them. I think I never sent thee any of this kind before

If payment for the 10 Cs Bread & the quantity now wrote for will equally serve thee to be made from the Sales of the Candles due in 60 days. it will be my wish. but if it makes any difference with thee, it is my desire that thou receive the Amo of Isaac Howland Junr who is put to buying Money from New York & give him a draft upon me. Please also to send me 6 barrels Prime Beef & 1 Keg Hogsland

I let Alden have 40 Barrels Pork at cost, it is more than than I should have been willing to have credited him at once on the risk of another person as his extensive traffic make his payments depend intirely upon the products of his Whaling Voyages & unless his Oil come into my hands he will oblige me to wait his own time however I will take every pains to make him punctual. & if his contract are not large I see sufficient probability

If Capt Toby should purchase an Anchor I can make the payment by drafts upon thee payable who thou art in cash from the Candles please to accept his Order if not he will provide another way.

Yours &c

Capt Toby

7mo 10th 1792

Please to deliver E Prior the 100 Boxes Candles charging me with the freight. & call upon him for four tons Ship Bread, which have put in the Casks sent being careful to see they are taken good care of not be injured in opening & heading up. he will probably put on board 6 Barrels Beef & 1 Firkin Lard.

If thou can buy me 100 bu good Indian corn not to cost me he more

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than half a Dollar please to do it also 1 Doz bottles Mustard — I request Isaac Howland to pay thee what money thou wants if thou buys the above articles & give him a draft upon me —

please to bring me an Anchor for 1 Cwt Kettlestone of Eleven Hundred weight & if thou can make the payment by an order on E Bros payable at any sight that will be convenient to him please to Draw upon him, if not take it of Isaac as above mentioned — Wish thee to make what dispatch thou can —

Sam[l] &c

7 mo. 1792

Benj[a] Tupper Jun[r]

Having rec[d] a quantity of French Goods More than I can find a Market for here, I have taken the liberty to consign a Small Box to thee by Henshaw — of which kinds I have a considerable quantity but being ignorant of their value, & the cost being very uncertain from the State of the Currency in France I shall be much obliged by thy finding their value & writing me as soon as thou can & such of the Articles as will sell at a saving price I shall be glad to send thee

The Ribbans were an Accidental purchase & not Assorted — they are mostly half Pieces of 30 Ells or 37½ yds & perhaps half a yard upon the outside may be a little soilled — my other Sewing Silk are mostly 6/4 black & White — if those high colours will sell best in small skeins I intend to have it wou[d] as I think I can without much expence

The Silk called Prussinnies I conclude will sell for for Waist coat patterns — I have a great quantity of the Ribband. thy judgment upon the Articles will much oblige me. —

I shall put the cost of such of the Articles as were regular charge in Livres —

Sam[l] &c

7 Mo. 18. 1792

Jo. Hussey

I duly rec[d] thy & am obliged by thy care respecting the Boles, they are two small for me, & as the owner will not sell them without the Sheets they will not Answer for me to buy —

please to inform me what thou can sell excellent french Duck N[o] 2 & N[o] 3 Capt Mansfield has some lighter numbers & several other Articles gone to Boston in which I am interested such Articles as thou can sell he will deliver thee, & in his business I shall be much obliged by thy Assistance — The Flutes & candles will be forwarded soon — By Allen who sailed this morning I have shipp[d] thee 20 boxes more Candles, which please to dispose of when thou can — Hemp I am yet in want of, when thou can barter for it — I shall be glad of one Ton of very good Hemp of this Country sent by Allen if thou can buy it paying when payment will become due for any of the Candles I want it for tenders

Sam[l] &c

Dear Mathew

7mo 19th 1792

I have not till now been able to put up any of my Goods to send thee. I now inclose the Invoice of a few on board the Packet The Ribbans I have endeavoured to set at a price that will be unquestionable low. Yet if on comparing them with others thou finds any of them to high I leave it to thee to alter. The Cambricks are put at as low a price as the first cost reconing the par of exchange 10d Sterling the Livre. I shall be obliged by thy endevouring to sell as many of those Articles as thou can as soon as may be and if the sale of them to the Shop keepers can be promoted by taking Whale Bone & Sperm or Whale Oil at the Market prices I will consent to that, altho I am informed Bone is selling at 9d 1/2 which is much higher than I reputed. I wish thy exertion to run of the Ribbans as I am encumbered with a large quantity of them.

Thy Purpsunnies are for Waistcoat patterns 3/4 yd will be for one they are fruilly & will sell 3/4 for 6/.

The Cambricks on comparing with some others I have thought would bear a small addition to the cost. & leave to thee to Discount even 10 p Cent if thou finds them to high.

T. J. Mitchel & Sons have sold their Tumblers thou may be governed by their prices. If thou can suit for thy Interest to take the whole Invoice paying me in Whale Bone thou may have it with a discount of 5 p Cent. I have more of all these Articles sent.

7mo 23rd 1792

Jos. Anthony & Son

I duly rec. your favour of 12th p Capt Bunker covering Invoice & Bill of Lading for 2 Tons Bar Iron. for your attention therein I am much obliged, as also by your kind offer of Assisting in the Sale of French Goods. though those remittances is at present the only channel by which our property can come out without great Sacrafice, & few of them will pay the cost (with) even allowing a large discount for Exchange.

I have lately rec. 60 or 70.000 Livres in Manufactures of that Kingdom I am dispersing them to find where is the best Market. by Capt Bunker I have shipd a bale of Twine & 10 pc. excellent Duck No 8 nearly as wide as Ravens Duck & better quality. I shall be obliged by your trying the Sale of it & giving me your advice respecting a further Shipment.

The Duck cost 34 Sous p Ell of 5 quarters. I have also No 2 - 3 4 Yarn &c

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Shubael Bunker Herewith thou receives Invoice of 11 Casks Spermaceti Oil, which we wish thee to sell so as to Net us £28 Lmo p^r Ton including Expences, this Oil is of very good quality and if it will not sell at the price limited we wish thee to return it in the Vessel

Yours &c

Nantucket 7 mo 25 1792

Dear Brother

I am much pleased in having to say to thee that I have received by Capt Moores thy two acceptable letters, a token of attention that does not fail to excite in me as much commendation as I have here to for indulged Censure for thy neglects, is also pleasingly remitted by them, thy several Accounts — I am sorry to say I have neglected beginning my letters to thee, until too late to say half what I wish as I had not heard until last evening that Gardner was to sail this week, & I can make a little excuse of business at this time altho they are an encumbrance to letters I do not feel a satisfaction in.

I am Glad to find my project so well executed by the purchase of Head Matter I am obliged by thy drafts upon me for what Capt Moores bought, I shall conform to thy wish respecting the half benefit — I hope thou will be able to buy the other Ships which with Whippys will make us a good Lot — by one observation in thine I conclude thou will send the Mary out with the Head Matter which will be my choice considering all circumstances — I heard of her Long 30 Lat 44 So the 1 Inst 6 mo that I calculate for her to sail be ready to sail from Dunkirk about this time. — I have not fully examined the Accounts — I observe thou charges me with the Box of Wax that W R & S have settled in their Account with me but it will be better to alter it here — De Bauques Bill of the Marys outfit at least 2482.7 they Charged me in their my last Account Current but mentions my kind fathers directions to place to their Account that I might draw the Amo with my balance — as I had no occasion therefor I have not to this Day drawn it out of their hands, however, as the in the intention was to do me a benefit. it is my wish already to my Father, that whatever loss you have suffered thereby in the fall of the money may be mine, as also her second or South Sea Outfit which I ever designed should be paid by De Bauques, as they owed me a balance of 13.000 Livres until I requested them last Winter to remit to Dickason what I owed them — I fear by your Attempt to do me a kindness the Money has so fallen that you will suffer by me but I wish all these matters may be looked into & that you would do justice to yourselves — The Lydia's Sales are all I can rely upon previous to the Marys last Voyage for your being reimbursed by which I hope you have been in cash before the great fall of Assignats to prevent the great loss that otherwise must attend — I have written thee or my father already upon these subjects Homberg mentioned to me that the Brother who visited at Dunkirk would settle the Exchange for the £200 — which I hope was done as it was not on my own Account — I wished them to pay it — It is my desire that thou draw upon Homberg for the whole Amount of the Head Matter purchased at least the Amount of 53313 Livres

which is the bala due me from the proceeds of my own Oil after the shipment of 54580 lb by Mayfield. I do that thou may add the Amo of the £200 Sterling your order'd paid in London which will be a part of 443 6 Livre Tales of Oil belonging to my neighbours 10.000 of which Jaquet will be at my disposal making to me in whole 633/3 Thomas has also pd of his Oil between 20 & 30.000 Livres all depending upon Your Shipping him Head Matter - The sum thou mentions drawn for payment of Head bo[ught] of P Colemans 3144. 12. 8 will leave about 30.000 yet due to me. - of that hope thou will be able to buy 2 Coffins Head - the Marys Voyage after charging me with the Head M[r] Twish may be plaud to your credit

I note thy observations upon thy mode of Refineng - We have not been successfull in it I last year having practised it, we found sa[me] complaints from some of our Candles, we feared

Iam &c

Moses Texas

8 m[o] 1st 1792

I duly rec[d] thine of the 30th ulto inclosing an order upon Coffin Jones by N. Hays for two Hundred Eighty one pounds 3/3 endorsed to me, which I have sent forward, the payment thereof will be in good season, as I had an unexpected supply for the purpose I quoted to thee - The terms thou proposed respecting the remitance being made for 10 Tons more within two weeks will not be inconvenient, & it probable I should have been able to procure it at 60£, thy limits, was no more given, but for a pair of 10 or 12 Tons at Wareham some person has offerd £63 - & it is said to go to Newport, this immediately gives a genral alarm - We are not certain who has done this or for whom, but I conclude thou will be able to find the person supposed is a Young Gentleman of this place T Hammond, Attorney at Law - Our Mutual friend John Reuum is intimate with him, of whom I doubt not thou can know, & which I shall be pleased to hear - without any of my hints being communicated. I shall also be pleased with thy direction whither to go to that price or not, & shall govern myself accordingly - Iam &c

8 m[o] 8th 1792

To Brown Benson & Ives

Y[r] favr 20th ult was handed me Ladevan. the contents I duly observe & wish it was in my power to wait y[r] time for pay[t] of the Candles but the only season of the year being now come in w[ch] we are always prepd for m[r]s to pay for h[d] W[t] & Oil our business must stop unless our funds be supplied we shall not be able to make out without y[r] assistance long. er than the present mo. from the present prospect of things until the 1st of next mo. we will make our arrangements until then hear from you & should any further delay not occurr[ing] take place that would render any further delay not injurious I will duly inform you. but of this I see no probability - I wish you could make it convenient to place it to my C[r] in the B B. Bank - by the above time otherwise I may have to send after y[r]

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8mo. 6. 1792

To Jo. Hussey

Inclosed is Invoice of 30 p. excellent Arangers Dusk. the best Fabric in Trade which I shall be glad thou will sell at the prices charged. if abateing one penny in an £ll will forward the Sale I had rather do it than have long on hand — abo. 66 Boxes 8pm candles 16 of wch are all Slated 6 or 8 mth

Thy Attention to their Sale & information thereupon will oblige Thy Frnd

Jam.s

7mo 5 1792

To Moses Sears

I wrote the with before last upon the subject of Head Matter since which I am without any of thy favours, agreable to the plan then proposed to the I have purchased 8 or 10 Tons excellent Head Matter at £60 ₽ ton which I allot for the. should it at this time suit thy convenience to have it it will be agreable to me. otherwise I have a market for it elsewhere as I cannot conveniently pay for it so soon as the Money will be wanted which will be next week — Thy reply as soon as convenient will oblige

Jam.s

To Jos.h Russell

8mo. 1. 1792

I shall be much obliged by thy handing the inclosed bill drawn by M. M. H. in favr M.r Son J. & J. July 16 for £281. 3. 3 into the National Bank for collection & to be placed to my credit

Jam.s

8mo. 15. 1792

To Joseph Hussey

I was in hopes thou would have been able by this days Post to advise me that a few Tons of Rhaind Oil would sell as I hear nothing I conclude thou can give no encouragement. if thou can wish to hear soon — by the last of this month I observe payment will be due for the last candles in the Sally rendered last Spring as I expect a call for all the Money we can raise in a short time. I shall be obliged by thy information what sum thou will be in cash for my Acct by the last of this mo. & if convenient I wish thee to deposit it in the Bk Bank & give me information having it placed to my Cr — as occasion offers we shall like to have one two or three tons more hemp in exchange for candles

please to send me a view of the sale of Dusk. the bale of Sheeting left by Capt Hazard I wish to have returned by Atkins or any future conveyance

Jam.s

To Moses Texas

8mo 15 1792

Thine of the 7th Iduly rec.d I note the contents I shall endeavour to procure the quantity of Lead Matter. Thou wants at £63 as yet have only bought about 3 Tons at that price half of which I still hold for thy Acount. it is not yet delivered nor in order or I should have sent it by Post I hope to take hold of 8 or 10 Tons more in a short time. but am not clear it will come at £63. as I find 65 was offerd from Nantucket for that at Wareham after Mr Russell bought for J Robenson — if it goes under 65 it will be by our taking the Cask with it — should it get at that price we shall not buy for thy Acct without thy liberty — I am much surprised at the Manufacturers being so

Inclosed is Invoice of 22 bash very fine Lead Matter Amounting to £270 14 3 to thy Debit

Iam &c

8mo 15. 1792

To Gibbs & Channing

Your favour of 10th Iduly rec.d I shall render Capn Coffin every Assistance in my power — on further search the Bed proves very sound — the Carpenters are going on briskly — I have sent Capn West the Twine & Sheeting the latter not so low as you quoted — 2/4 being the lowest I can afford it at, at which price I hope you will find it for your Interest to take it. if not. I will leave it with the Capn to dispose of it. but not at a less price —

Iam &c

8mo 18 1792

To Joseph Anthony & Son

Iduly rec.d your obliging favour of 19th July & 65 Tons for your Attention to Wills Release, you have mine & my Brother Hazards Thanks — I note your observation upon respecting the Duck & Twine which I hope you will be able to sell at prices that will encourage my sending a larger quantity — The Twine is very suitable for Ships Uses. for Whipping & sewing Bolt rope &c, consequently I think it an object for the Ship Chandlers —

Capn Bunker has delivered me half a dozen fine Melons, in good Order, for which I feel myself under increasing obligations. & present you my hearty Thanks —

Should you have any opening for Straund Oil. I should be glad to Ship you a considerable quantity as our trade with France is much obstructed by the decline of their Assignants — if any demand for Linen I shall also be pleased to hear it —

Iam &c —

14 - I am very happy in having it in my power to say that the Fame has at length a full Crew & now waits a fair wind to go to Sea - I have been obliged to add consi-derable expence of cloathing to qualify the Sailors every account I shall be able to forward in a short time She is now in good Order & I believe well manned we could not man her at less than £30 W Rs having given their men in the Ann Prince Coleman £75 with 3 Crews - I have just heard from our Mutual fr^d J Thebaud that the Packet was arrived & that she is to sail the 28 - also that Harvey was to sail 10 dys after her - I hourly look for her

Jam^s

Sm^r 20. 1792

J. J Thebaud

Yesterday I had the pleasure of thy favour of the 7th & 11th Inst the former mentioning the arrival of the packet & that Haw was to sail in 10 days after her the latter accompanied by an Iron Caboose for the Negre, that Ship does not yet appear. After much perplexity in procuring the Hands for the Fame we never obtained her complement until night before last, having met with great discouragement therein by People at Nantucket who are disaffected to the French Fishery - Cap^n Swain has been very serviceable in the business, & that Vessell in very good Order & now ready for Sea - I will duely notify thee upon the Negres Arrival - the inclosed I request thy care in forwarding to my Uncle -

Jam^s

J. Thebaud 23rd

Having wrote thee a few days since by Post least it should not reach thee before the Packet sails, I send this to New port & have only time to say the Fame sails this day - the Negre not arrives & since as the 9th reached me last evening. Swain has not yet rented the charter of the Schooner - I have on hand a supply of Pork for the Negre about 16 ℔ Bread. the remainder of the Bread must come from York. & may be best to provide it that it may be well dried before it be packed, the bread I had for the Fame came from one J B Nyk. & was very good

as I have a particular regard for that young man. if Thos
has no preference & he will furnish it on equal terms
it will oblige me for him to have the Order. I will send
on a Vessel for Stores as soon as we can get the Casks
out of the Negro to put bread into or some if I find it
best, but it will not do well to bring the Bread in
Bulk. I must depend upon the procuring
the Bread. Flour Beef & Butter. I have Beans & Peas
& shall rely on Swain for all the Stores he has

I am

To J Thebaud

8m 25 1792 60lb Bt

Very hastily gave You the melancholy account
of the Same then being in the Flames. the 23d at 1 P M Via New Port

She went below Palmers Island the 20th waited a wind until
the Morning of the 23. she weighed & with a light Southerly wind beat
down the River, about 12 O Clock the Capr going below found the Cabbin
filled with Smoke, upon which he with difficulty opened the Windows
but it not to abate, opened the Scuttle, & found the hold in flames
which forcing out with violence with the great quantity of smoke almost
deprived him of life before he could recover the Deck, the cause they know
was from a Candle left carelessly by one of the Lads burning in the Scuttle in a wood
en Candlestick three hours and a half before it was discovered. The Capr immediately cut a Hole in the Quarter Deck & poured in Water untill driven of by
the flames, & also having part of a Cask of Powder in the Stateroom, they durst
not stay longer, after taking to their Boats & waiting at a distance for the
explosion & the falling of the Spars from aloft they took her in tow & tow her
on a point about four miles S W West of this called Richetsons Point — Not
withstanding the exertions of many people from the Shore & from this place the
Fire could not be extinguished untill Scuttled & she continued burning untill near
noon owing to the Caboose and many other articles with the upper Deck falling
upon the cables Lines Spare sails and coal room —

Yesterday I sent a Vessell with a number of hands who with much fatigue
saved many Casks Hoops pork & the fibb & foretopmast Staysail are all the
sails left. one Anchor dropped from the bow before she reached the shore
most of the Iron is saved We stopd all the Holes & by 8 O Clock last evening she
floated & by sunrise this morning the water was all out & she has just
reached this Wharf — I am afflicted at dwelling so long upon this disastrous
event, but I am glad to find that no blame can ~~be~~ fall upon Capr Glover
the poor man saved not an Article of cloathing but a short Jacket trousers
& shirt which was the case also with the Mate and all the men. their dis
appointment is also very great — their loss will be made in some measure

made up them by a liberal subscription spend here. — Glover has throughout discovered himself very careful & capable man & I believe deserving patronage — I am pleased in being able to inform thee that the Negre Capt Haws arrived yesterday in 53 days I was at the wreck when he arrived & his letters were all put in the post Office before I saw him or should have stopped them to send by the Vessel he who goes for the stores, as I expect she will reach New York before this, yet that being somewhat uncertain think not to take them out. —

much of the wood is saved & such articles as the Negre will want Capt Haws will buy. she will be sold with every thing saved for the benefit of of the Underwriters & regular Steps shall be taken to place the loss in a fair train. I doubt there being any thing worth the owners purchasing except such as the Negre will want, on one side she is burnt three feet below her Wale inside and the after part much more. I do not apprehend from her present appearance she will ever be built upon — but I shall have her discharged & then examine her & give thee her state. —

As there is no probability of Swains taking the Dauphin if upon consulting him he should think Glover adequat to the command of that ship I think I could rush upon him sooner than upon the Capt that was to go to L'Orient for her — if Swain does not agree with me in judgment perhaps Glover will go Mate but I shall wish for thy advice upon the subject before any thing is said to him — Haws tells me he has all his duff & most of his Flour: indeed I will inlose the Memorandum of such stores as he wants from Newyork — where I shall have a Vessel in a short time —

I am &c

8mo 27th

Refering thee to the preceding Duplicate of my Last, sent this morning by Post, I have only to add that Glover has made a regular Protest & the wreck is discharging the Meat Casks, being mostly burnt, the meat that is said being in a suffering Condition, as also the Bread, I have thought best to have it sold with such Articles as will be subject to waste, tomorrow afternoon for the Benefit of the Underwriters. Capt. West now goes for the Stores wanted for the Negro. Capt Haws has liberty of staying 3 Weeks in which time I think every thing will be ready. the

the Ship wants a considerable Work upon her in Shutting up her Hatchways &c. — The Negro has not brought the Goods thou reputed, I suppose omitted with a View of saving the Tonnage & I am very sorry to say, I fear that will not be affected, Our Office would gladly afford us every indulgence in his Power, yet unless the Capt. can protest that his coming here was only by distress, he cannot feel himself clear in omitting the Tonnage, He is however willing to abide the decision of the Custom at N York, which if thou can find any advantage can be made thereby, I wish thee to procure it from the Office & remit to me, the Capt. has noted his protest in form, having started his Out water in a Sea, his Bowsprit & Masts were in danger, & the Ship was too badly manned to keep at sea. —

As Capt. Hawes has no clear casks for his Provision, the Bread must come in Bulk unless as I wrote thee thou can procure Casks in New York that will do for Oil, of which there is much Risk — I lately had a few Wood Hoop'd Hogsheads from there without Sap at 2 Dollars each, very good, had they been made with larger heads that the Joints of the Staves should not at first be close they would do very well if think — I here will be a great Plenty of Hoops to replace the Wood Hoops on the Voyage, from those saved of the Fame. — Concluded to page 15

8 mo. 27. 1792

Dear Uncle

I am very unhappy in having to give my dear Uncle the unfortunate Intelligence that must be conveyed to thee of the Loss of the Fame, which I hope will reach thee by the Packet, as I wrote our mutual Friend, Shebard, after we discovered her on Fire in the Bay — After experiencing great delay & Trouble in procuring a Crew as I have before wrote thee — she took her Pilot on Board who was Silas —

Silas Parker, on the Morning of the 23d about 8 Oclock A M.
as the Brig then lay below Palmer's Island, where she went
to be in readiness to sail with any Wind, it being that Moment
Calm & the Tide setting up. the Capt. ordrd Rolopt. to stow away
some Stores in the Run that were in the Cabbin — he taking
one of the Lads with him went to work, with a Candle in the
Run & the Lad to receive the things, on the Winds breezing &
all hands being call'd to heave up — Rolopt run upon deck
& the Lad followd him accidentally leaving the Candle, which is
said to have been in a Pole in a piece of Wood & I conclude
was plac'd so near a Whale Line as to catch that & communicate
to a Cask of Brandy — however the Skuttle was shut down. &
by accident no Person went again below from half past Eight
when he got under Way, until Noon then being about 2 Miles
so off Clarks Point with a light southerly Wind. Glover went
below & finding the Cabbin filld with Smoke he ran & open'd the
Windows & then the Run Skuttle, whence issued such a Quantity
of Smoke & Flame that he was oblig'd with others who had come
to his Assistance to flee on deck — they cut a hole in the deck
knock'd out the head of a cask of Water & in vain attempted to
extinguish the Flame — it soon reach'd out the Gang ways
& caught the Sails & Rigging — & knowing there was a few pounds
of Powder in the Cabbin they were frighted into the Boats
until the Explosion of that — then after the Yards & Topmasts
had burnt down they got a Sow & with the help of the Wind
Landed the Wreck on Robertson's Point — where not withstanding
much Assistance from Town & Country by the Decks falling
in with the Caboose & various Articles, which it was impossible
to remove on account of the Smoke & Fire — she continued burning
all above the flowing of the Water, in the Hold as she was immediately
Shuttled — her after Part is burnt down very low, her
Larboard Side a little below the Wale, ~~the other side below~~ the —

other side below the Edge of the Copper — We are yet unloading her, having sent a Vessell round, taken out what could be got at — stop'd the Holes, discharg'd the Water, floated her & the 25th towd the Hulk round to the Wharf — ... when she is examind I shall be able to give Thebaud an Account of her I take his Advice if possible respecting buying, but I do not think it an Object for him to engage with. ——...

The Negro, Capt Hawes arriv'd the 24th after a tolerable Passage, tho' long, his coming is fortunate at this Moment as the Fame's Crew enter with him — that Vessell shall be dispatch'd as soon as Possible

He has handed me thy acceptable of 30th June Together with twelve hundred Crown which I pass to thy Credit. —

I shall render Capt Hawes every Assistance in my Power & hope he will be dispatched in a short time, I shall follow thy directions respecting that Vessels Stores, & Capt Hawes will buy of the Fames Sales every thing that he will want. — which can only be Casks, & Iron except 2 Cask of Molasses — her Pots Caboose Cook & most of Iron is good, the provision is all spoild that could injure by wetting, the Meat is mostly collected floating in the Hold — every step shall be taken regularly as to Protest &c as far as I am capable of judging or of gaining information. — The expence up on the Fame both respecting the injury rec'd in taking the Ground at Quicks Hole, & for her Outfit. ——

Jonathan Parker has wrote his Father that he had requested thee to remit him £200 Lmc & had left also with thee a Trunk of 70 or 80 in Goods to be sent out, they expected it by Hawes & in consequence thereof are building a House from the presumption that I should be warranted by Capt Parker I have concluded to lend him some Assistance of Money to enable him to compleat his House sufficiently to afford his family a Shelter. —— Should thou have no such Orders I shall be obligid by thy procuring from Parker the remittance thereof which I suppose will not be Short of 200 Dollars. ——

4 Glover has conducted himself in a manner deserving Patronage & I think him a capable Man for the command of a Ship. if Swain should take the Dauphin he will go chief Mate — as Stephen Gardner was once shipd to go to L'Orient to take that Ship if Swain does not go he may think himself under obligations to him. but for my own part I should prefer Glover. yet on so important a command I would rather have a Person of more experience — I shall consult Swain. & shall act with the greatest caution. & best Advice I can have. ———.

I note thy observation upon the Commission, which I am glad thou noted at tho I shold only have charged the 2½ which is my custom where I know no expence nor risk in the Money. ——— and al tho the application of it in this way upon a whaling Outfitt. make the Commission inadequate to the Trouble, I am yet content, from the circumstance of its furnishing some Business for our Little Town which I to encourage in every thing in my Power — the little business that is done here makes an increase of Inhabitants & buildings & we have now twice a Stage twice a Week between this & Boston, which go through in one day, & a Packet is supported for Passengers to Nantucket which makes us more Public than heretofore — A Printing Office is to be opened next month, I wish all this Account could make my dear Uncle look back one more to his former residence, & think of returning here again, when an interruption of his Business may take Place in France — be assured we shall be all pleased to have thee added to our Circle — When any Conveyance to this place or Boston, some of your News papers will be very acceptable to our Press. I am

To Nathaniel Clark 8 mo 28. 1792

I wrote thee a few days since & requested thou would reserve the Freight of Pork &c for the Sloop Mayflower she now goes & by her request thou will Ship what thou has — a few barrels of Flour I should like to have instead of some of the Pork would be very acceptable if as convenient for thee. — I hope no expence of Storage has accrued to the Pork — & that thou will be able to send us sales of the Oil — — I am &c

Conclusion of T Thebauds from Page 11.——

As Swain has several Boats on hand if thou procures two with the Fames there will probably be enough for both Ships I shall therefore Suspend ordering any from New Port until I hear from thee thy directions will be followed respecting the Stores with Swain

I am pleased to find thou has in View keeping thy residence in this Country I wish I had now thy advice upon the unfortunate situation of the Fame but that being impracticable I will procure the best advice possible & conduct the business in the most regular method in my Power.——

Stores wanted from New York

70 Cwt Ship Bread 20 Cwt Fine Ditto 1 Cask White Beans
2 Doz Mustard 50 Gall Vinegar 10 lb Hops 100 lb Coffee
10 or 20 Barl Flour if convenient to send on my own Account as the Negro has hers on board.——

My Uncle informs me that thou will Provide for half the supplies to the Negro.— I am in of remittance to my Freind Edmund Prior of 240 Dollars if convenient for thee to pay him that sum in a short time it will oblige me by thy taking his bill on me—

I am &c

Dear Edmund 8m 27. 1792

I duly recd thy favour of the 20 with Invoice Sundries of Tobey. Amo of which is plac'd to thy Credit, Q was as to the quality very satisfactory but has all come to a very unexpected end by the Brig Fame for whom they were, being by accident set on fire from a Candle left in the run I consumed the 23 inst in sight of this Town being on way to the coast of Brazil— she was Insured in London.—— The Mayflower goes again to New York for Stores for another Ship from L'Orient but J J Bernard of that place is concernd with my Uncle, their Agent T Thebaud procures the Articles wanted— I have heretofore mentiond a request that if he has no preference that he would give the Order (which is for 110 Bbls) to T Buckley.—— To oblige Capt James Hathaway of Essex I drew an Order upon thee 18th inst for 240 Dollars— that sum I have request my friend T Thebaud at Jas & Wm Seatons to pay thee, upon which please to give him an Order upon me.——

Thy Pork will sell ere Long, but I am obliged to give Longer Credit than I could wish.—— I am &c

62 To Brown Benson & Ivy 9mo 4. 1792

I duly rec'd yours of 13. Aug't & have placed to your Credit the Amo of the remaining hemp at £42-18- The balance due on the Candles we shall not be able to do without yet. if it will be more convenient for you, & you will pay it to my Cr at the B. Bruns Bank by the last of 11mo (Nov'r) I will send down my note to be discounted for 60 days - at which time it will be due from the 1st of next Mo. until which I am at present supplied your speedy answer will greatly oblige you

Yours &c

9mo 7. 1792

To Moses Sexas

I duly rec'd thine of the 22nd August & 2d September and with the former three Hundred Dollars which is placed to thy Credit. since my last we have never been able to buy one barrel of Head Matter, until Yesterday when we bought about 7 or 8 Tons at £63.15.9 we still consider half this for this Account which will make upwards of 5 Tons besides what has reached thee, it is not yet delivered but will be rec'd next week. — we shall still endeavour to procure the quantity thou wishes. — I have no demand for strained Oil, but should be pleased to find a Market for 50 Tons — I hope we shall not have to exceed this price for Head Matter. Yet I fear when any arrives at Nantucket the demand will enhance the price Yours &c —

To Tethro Mitchell & Son 9mo 7. 1792

I duly rec'd yours of 8mo and have not been able to close for any Oil until Yesterday when we purchased two Jars - one of which we hold for you which we suppose the best of the two for shaving having been mostly taken in the West Indies yet exposing a few days to a hot sun makes it appear a little thin — I hope to procure you some from Mexico, as we just hear considerable has been obtained there —

I do not expect the Money will be wanted in less than
2 or 3 Months —

Capt Maxfeld gave me you bill Freight yesterday which
I inclose for your examination if right you will please
to inform me and I will pay him — balance is £ 68.1.6 3/4
I shall be obliged by your paying on acct of
Maxfield for my Order to Abram Chase £16.3.9 — Jam &c —
To Jos Russell Junr 9mo 8. 1792

I am this evening favoured by thy letter
of 6th & am sorry Judge Lowell should of Town.
there being many articles of provision damaged
& daily lessening in Value I feared censure by delay
ing the Sale of them, which I had effected this day,
& as the Vipil & Casks are still taking injury I think
it will not be doing the Underwriters justice
to wait the uncertain time of the Judges returning
I have therefore ordered the whole advertized to
be sold next Week, I am sorry the transaction
cannot go under the best Authority but I hope
to escape censure by doing the best I possible, than
kes my thanks for thy attention to this business.

I am
To Joseph Russell Junr 9mo 8th 1792

I am greatly obliged by thy kind lette
of the 31st as I heard nothing from the by return of Post.
I feard censure by delaying the sales of the Wreck &c. I had
her advertized by W.T. Account. to be sold the 3d. I shall now
have the Sales depend until Hen. return & for want of time to
address Judge Lowell I crave thy indulgence to ask of thee to
represent the case to him, & procure the warrant for the Sale —
the object is hardly sufficient for the Marshall to come up
if any other Person can be substitute as the wreck is burnt
much below the Wales the most saved of the contents is a quan
tity perhaps 50 Tons Iron hooped Casks, & a few now & quantity
of old Iron hoops with a few Cask Beef & Pork some Whale Craf
3 Pots 3 boats 1 Bow & 1 Sledge Anchor very little else — Jib
& fore Top mast Stay Sail are the only sails & no Rigging the

18 expence of saving the above I think will exceed 100 Dolls.

If how can have an answer made me at return of post I shall esteem it an additional favour conferd upon thy ryt

Jam&

To N Freeman

9 Mo 11. 1792

Thy favour of the 5. affordd me pleasure in find the Oppression of our unfortunate Afri is like to meet the justice due to his wickedness that the case is in train. If I can attend the Court it will be my wish. Thy observation upon the expence shall be attended to & I will immediately represent the case to the Abolition Society who will doubtless take the needful steps to furnish the means, as to which thou will be safe in being accountable — Jam

9 mo 15. 1792

To Gibbs & Channing

Your obliging favour of 14th was handed me last evening. I you have my thank for receiving of C Devol £7. 5. 1/2 which I place to your debit — I have recd as at foot of C Wing, which I have endorsed on the Note left with me & place to your Credit —

I shall be pleased to hear your prises for Hemp & Iron payable in Sp Candles at the usual price 2/6. We have lately several Tons of Hemp from Boston in Exchange for Candles at prices equal to 2/6 & £40 upon which we have been charged a Commission — Should the terms be agreeable to us both its probable I may want 3 or 4 Tons. — —

Seth Russell will doubtless give you the State of the Bedford, which is nearly finished — Jam&

of C Wing

8 mo 24 £17. 10

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20. 10

To Thos Lurpias 9mo 14. 1792

I wrote thee 7th informing of having purchas'd 7 Tons head 3/4 for thy Acct. since have purchas'd 5 Tons more 2/4 for the making together for thy Acct. 6 Tons a £63.15/9. which will be ready to forward in a short time

We can purchase no head matter at that price but by taking the Oil with it which glutts us exceedingly with that article. & as soon as we stop taking the Oil Head matter must rise In haste I am -

To Joseph Shipley 9mo 20 1792

I duly rec'd thine of 25th Ult. & Note thy remarks upon Straind Oil. We have more of that Article on hand than we wish to Ship to Europe I would therefore sell it at £27. here, Should any purchaser present & thou can engage any quantity from one to twenty Tons to net us that price We will send it on as soon as possible. — Thou may depend upon its being white & sweet. Straind from Body Oil. Thine of the 14th Inst. I am pleased to find thou has deposited in the Bank £300. part of which I have already drawn. am also glad hear thou art like to close the Sales of my Candles soon. I have some more to send thee by first conveyance, either 50 or 100 Boxes as thou can inform me the prospect - in those sales I shall be obliged by thy taking my Notes of Hand, that when they become payable within 60 days I may if necessary have them Discounted at the Bank, as I expect to want all the Money I can raise this Fall. — I expect to write thee soon respecting the Duck. will sell at a reduced price and how much -

I have a small Package of Goods p. Barnard as p. Invoice annexed which please to settle the duty for & send either by way of Nantucket or if any conveyance directly to this place I also expect a large Iron Kettle by some of the Ships which please to enquire for do the needful at the Office & reserve for Vessel bound directly here — I am &c

9 Mo 20. 1792

To Thomas Dickason Junr

By letter from Homberg & Homberg Junrs at Havre dated July 25. I am informed that they have remitted to T D & Co £709.7.1 for mine & Brother Thomas's Acct in bills then "nearly due" - part or all of that sum we may soon want to draw. I shall be pleased with thy information who of the friends of the House are now in want, that will allow us 6 p Cent prem at 30 days which prem. we have no doubt of obtaing elsewhere from our late information.

I should not trouble thee with this request but it is not convenient to leave home at this time. I have not had a confirmation of this remittance from your House, having yet rec'd no Letter, but my Father in letter from London 7 mo 30. says the same is ready for my drafts"

I am &c

To William Burroughs

9 mo 21. 1792

I have of 19th was handed me this Morning, Daniel Richetson has paid the Order which I have & thee as also the Money sent by my Brother.

I wish thee to procure of Wilcox's building one Whale Boat as speedily as possible & let me know the terms, also if thou can easily make my Candles pay for it. I expect to want too as soon as they can be made but wish first to find the terms before I engage more than one. thy speedy attention and information will much oblg. The Boat must be made strong double Gunwail or a thick one gutted out for the top to over run the plank outside

I should like Wm Nichols of So. Kingston leaves some feathers with thee for me. I shall be oblgd by thy paying for them & forwarding when opportunity presents

I am &c

Q^r^ 21st 1792

To Geo Champlain

Thy last favour of 17th duly came to hand it is probable we shall be in want of more Hemp the ensuing Winter but we rely upon our new Stock of Candles to pay for it as has been our usual practice we have 1 or 2 Hundred boxes of Candles yet on hand but are unwilling to dispose of them but upon terms that will furnish us the means of payment for the present years Stock of Head Matter. Should thy demand for Candles be as late as 15th/2m its probable we could could supply the from our New Stock - which we shall be pleased to do. if thou can afford to make the exchange equal to what we have constantly made in Boston which has been 4d. ₱ Tan better than thy Offer for Hemp of good quality — I shall be obliged by thy information of thy Iron — I can supply thee with 50 or 100 Boxes Candles of excellent quality for a sultry Climate payable the first of the next year at 2/6 - or discount the interest upon prompt pay. as much of our Candles are sold upon Commission I will also discount that which is 2½ ₱ Cent

Yours &c

Q^r^ 20. 1792

To T Thebaud

I duly rec^d^ thy two oblig favours of 2^nd^ & 6^th^ Ins^t^ I am glad to find the unpleasing intelligence of the Fames loss, was in season to be conveyed in last packet. I have wrote also to my Uncle via London - thou may depend upon every care shall be taken within my Knowledge to have the necessary papers forwarded to ascertain the claim upon the underwriters, as the usual mode, I applied to my friend T Russell Boston to state the matter to our district Judge & procure a Warrant from him for Authority to act on behalf on the behalf of the Underwriters but after waiting 10 days for Judge Lowel who was out of Town I feard delay would occasion censure & with the authority of the Notary public &

22 Justice appear proceed to the Sale — the Net Amo of which is about £250 Lmo from which the expences of Savage between 30 & £40 are to be deducted — please inform me if that Authoy will be sufficient — The Copper on the Fame is too much worn in every part I have examined. to put on again nor can it be taken off without breaking. that I conceive it to be valueable only for Old Copper & the Rudder Joints are two small in my opinion for a vessell of her size that I do not conceive any part of it an object for thee —

The Wreck was bid off at £54 by one of my Neighbours, who has since given up the purchase to me for a small consideration

Capt Hawes would have been ready this week but the long N E Storm having put by the Carpenters & prevented the Stores arriving from Nantucket it will take him several Days of next Week, but thou may depend upon every exertion both in his & my power as he has completed his Nuptial & is in hast to go —

West arrived in season but some has ensued for want of Cask for the Bread which I have had made with hoops bought out of the Fame — I am obliged by thy sending the 20 bbl Flour and also paying E Prior the 246 Dollars all which I place to thy Credit as I also what Stores I receive from Swain both for the Negre & Fame —

Thy liberal donation to the poor Seamen in the Fame is gratefully received and it shall be destributed in a manner that I think would be most acceptable to thee — they rec'd here 150 Dollars & something also at Nantucket, which much helps them as they were left entirely destitute of Cloathing —

Thy observations respecting the Tonnage duty upon the Negre a little embarrasses me as thou first observes thou "does not see "how it will be possible to save it" & then noting the Ship from Hispaniola, considers the Negre in same Point of View, had she been forced here by necessity only, the case would have been clear as I think it may be by the Dauphin at New York being absolutely bound further, Our Collector stated

the case to the Collector of Boston who has desided, that the Tonnage cannot be avoided Yet had a different desision been given from the Officier in New York it would still be saved —

but I cannot suppose it clear in the sense of the Law, our Officer would do every thing in his power compatible with the Law, but he is decided that it must be paid —

Last evening I rec'd letters from my Uncle of July 31. Aug 1st 4 by the latter I find the Dauphin sailed the 2d for New York, with Orders for Sale — but from little expectation thereof, he orders me to procure the necessary Stores & Officers without waiting — considering the expense that Ship must sail at. I shall go on as tho' she was not to move from New York as every thing to go from this way may be sent there much easier than for her to come this way — where she will be under thy Eye & will be more agreeable to me than to have the care of her at New Port — I wish thy earliest information what Officers & Men are Wanting Coopers Seamen &c that they may be all forwarded, also which of the Stores & materials thou wants me to procure such of them as I am clear in I shall have ready, the Boats I shall according to thy former Order, send to Wilcox for 2. rely upon thy procuring 2 of Hunting Long Island & the other one I have purchas'd here Boat Boards I shall wait thy Order as I conclude thou can have them from Jersy cheaper than from this way —

I shall inclose the a Copy of the Memorandum sent me by my Uncle, with those Articles marked which I shall procure here and of Swain — No person appears more suitable than Glover to command the Dauphin both in the Judgement of Capt Swain Capt Moores my Brother Rodman & my Self, the other Officers also may can be had of the best Kind —

My Uncle mentions the arrival of our Freind Fleming in good health. the 5th of August which doubtless thou art informed

I am &c

To I Thebaud

9 m 26. 92

I am happy in having it in my power to inform thee that Capt Swain has given me the pleasing answer that he will take the command of the Dolphin.

which relieves my mind very much, as the importance of the command of that Ship being given to a young Man grew Daily more serious as the time approached, Since Long & perhaps Glover will head his 2d & 3d boats — Swain says she must have 400 Tons casks as he is clear he can in all probability full it — Our Collector Apprehends he shall not be clear in letting the Dolphin pass without the Tonage duty, unless thou can send me from the Office at New York a certificate that it is not their custom, to exact it of forcigners who have paid it at one Port on her going to Another, of this I had no idea but supposed it clear had it not been for this observasion, I Should this Morning on conversing with the Collector have dispatched an express in hope of finding the Ship at New York but considering the the matter have no doubt thou had satisfied thy at the Office —

Should it not be avoidable She can lay here in Port 48 hours without being subject to it & afterwards until a fair wind, that I shall stop her in the the Bay where she will be safe until we can have every thing ready, & our officers will do every thing they can, clearly do within the limits of their Office —

I beg thy attention to this subject & to acquaint me with the decision of the Officers at New York as soon as possible, please also inform me if the Dolphin brought Goods or if without them the Collector supposed her subject to a Tonage as our did in case of the Vegre —

I am &c —

To Gibbs & Channing

10 Mo 2. 1792

Since the rect of your favour of 18th Ulto I have contracted with G Champlain for a quantity of Candles to be delivered by the 10th or 15th of 12 mo next at 2/6 Kemp at £42 — on those terms we can supply you with 40 or 50 boxes by the same time — or perhaps we may find use for a few Tons of Old Sable Iron. should you afford it as low as it has been afford me of which I shall in due time acquaint you — I am &c

10 Mo 2 d 92

To George Champlin

Thine of Yesterday is before me & thy propositions respecting 80 boxes Candles I accede to. thy quality of which thy may rely upon —

It is probable we may have a conveyance for the Hemp pretty soon when I will apply for it. & should I find Old Sable Iron will do for a part. will inform thee thereof —

Candles 2/6 — d^d at New Port 10^th or 15^th of 12 month next
Hemp £42 — ℔ Ton Iron £27 — with respect I am &c

To William Burroughs 10 Mo 3 d 92

Thine of 1st is before me — I have given up sending my Sloop to Gardners Bay with a view of altering her into a Brig to send her a long Voyage — upon which plan much delay will interfere, yet not having gone very far upon it I could put it by if I can sell her to my mind as she is not quite so large as I wish for the Voyage I desire her situation is follows

Main Shrouds, (very excellent when new) first set.
Fore & Fibb Stay
Main Sail & Trysail } New last Fall.
Fore Sail & Fibb I think have been two Voyages
Large Cables New this Summer 60 fathoms. 8½ Inch
Small Cable not very Good. no Boat — two good Anchors
Spars good — one Table & Runner — Running Riggin I have not observed but doubt not they are good — Command necessary Utensils sufficient for an outfit —

My lowest Cash price is 1200 Dollars exclusive of any of her Whaling Materials — I was shou to see her & the size is agreeable shou will think her a Cheap Vessel — please to let me hear speedily from thee as I shall delay our business a few days — I am

10 mo 3. 1792

To Joseph Anthony & Son

I duly rec.d your esteemd favour of 31st August covering Sales n/p.d Duck & the Sale of Twine n/p.s £85.13.6. which sale is very satisfactory altho I wish it to do better — but French Goods make a very poor remittance to this country — from your discouragement, I think to send no more of those Articles — I am sorry that Bunker should injure the sale of Oil as the quantity he sells is small yet the price even a 3/ will net us the value of it here. & having been under uncommon necessity to turn it into Cash, we have done it contrary to our own inclination — but our last is now Ship to Charleston, Yet from a prospect of a late sale — if Bunker goes after we begin pressing we shall endeavour to Ship you some of good quality — I have again to acknowledge your kind present of the Melons & Bunker — I am &c

10 mo. 4. 1792

To Jos.s Thebaud

I wrote thee the 30th ultimo informing the Dolphin had entered the River — Capt.n L'Allament has just come up above Palmers Island, and come on Shore. He informs me the Ship has taken the Ground or rather touched a Rock I fear by the ignorance of the pilot in crossing the Bay. & broke both the lower Rudder Joints — he fears the braces on the Stern Post are also broken but I hope otherwise — we shall however try effectually & do the best we can — One mortification attends after another — Capt.n Swain has just informed me his wife & family are so exceedingly averse to his going that he is under the disagreeable necessity of declining — I shall procure the best Man in my power

The Negroe is to sail in the Morning

I am &c

10 Mo 8. 1792

To Moses Sexias

Inclosed thou has Invoice of 42 Casks Lead Matter Amounting to £ which completes the quantity purchased for thee it has already risen to £65 - & not to be purchas at that but with the Oil - the quanty of that Article we have now on hand discourages our buying more — Having alway informed thee of those purchases, I hope thou has made the necy sary provision, as we have paid for it all and are much press for Money — I requested my brother Rodman who went this day to New Port to bring any remittance thou wished to send, thy Acct Current I will inclose if I can find time I am &c —

10 Mo 16. 1792

To Joseph Shelland

I duly rec.d thine of and observe the information from the Custom House which was also decided the same by our Officer on examining the Law. —

I wrote thee that Capt.n Swain had finally given up the Dauphin from the great difficulty he found in His Family, with respect to his leaving Home for so long a Voyage - this has determin my acceeding to his Shipping Capt.n Gardner the Person he first Shipd to go to L'Orient for this Ship. — We are fortunate in finding the Copper Rudder Joints on the Stern Post not injure Moulds (on) for those on the Rudder are sent to Boston and will be here on the 20th that next Week I hope to have every thing ac- complished - we have rested the Ships Stern on the Ground and put on the Lower Iron Joint and She is now afloat at the head of our Wharf. — I shall soon write thee again I am &c

To Homberg & Homberg Frers 10th mo 10. 1792

From various unexpected incidents I have unanswered several of your obliging favours which came to hand in regular order, & to which I have made due observance in yours of 22nd & 29th March p Maxfield Inc.d Account Sales of the Oil Shipped by him Amot together 54036-13-10 which I have placed to your Debit, as also Invoice & bill Lading of the goods You had purchased and Shipd p him on my Account. I Capt.n Maxfields Bill and Note of hand, and the several Amounts of which I have placed to your Cr.t as underneath

2/3	Invoice on Joint Account	39089	7
	Maxfields Bill	10653	10 7
	Ditto Note	330	
	The Goods 2 Mill Stones W.R	326	
50	p.s Duck	4276	3
2	Looking Glasses	205	10

And every transaction of yours relative thereto meets my Approbation — The Goods came out in pretty good Order and of good quality, some of which have found a Speedy Sale to some profit and others are yet on hand, but I hope ere long to realize their value,

I pleasingly observe in yours of 12th May that one of your Sons has made an acceptable Visit to my Friends at Dunkirk with his Wife — by them I am also informed that their Company has been pleasing to them —

I sincerly Lament the unhappy situation the extensive Kingdom of Franc is plunged into from which by Accounts we can collect there is reason to fear she will not soon be extricated.

I am pleased to find by yours of 1st June that you have paid my Brothers Drafts on my Account for 33681-12-9 which sum I have placed to your Cr.t

Previous to the rec.t of yours of 5th June I was fully reconciled to your transactions and informations upon the subject of your exchanges, as it was impossible you could forsee what has taken place

Please to accept my thanks for your several Assurances of attention to my Business that may fall into your hands, as well as for the punctuality you have already discovered in what you have transacted In all my Business I shall approve your taking the advice of my Father or Brother where ever you wish to have it & I feel myself oblig.d by your attention there

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Respected Friend & Kinsman New Bedford 10mo 23d 1792

Nathl Clarke

I am favourd with thine of 10th & am much pleasd to find thau has closed the sales of the Oil. hope soon to receive the Acct. Sales as I find Capt. Grinnell is now at Newyork. should he be coming here please to ship by him 20 or 30 barrels comman flaxe of good quality — I am &c

New Bedford 10mo 23d 1792.

Respected Friend
Moses Seixas

Thy favour of this date to my brother Wm hes duly received and was sorry thau could not avail thyself with an opportunity so direct as this of D. Melville. he now fears that he shall be obliged to put thee to the expense of sending for the Money unless thau can give him a Draft on Bostan or send him Bostan Bank Bills which will equally answer our purpose — he now encloses thy Acct. Current. Balance due him £388.6.6

I am I. R.

To George Champlain 10mo 23. 1792

I am favourd with thine of 15th with 7 Tons Hemp of West. which I place to thy Credit. I shall endeavour to forward the 100 Boxes agreeable to thy proposal I am &c

To To. Russell Junr 10 Mo 23. 1792

I have a Letter from Brown Benson & Ives dated 20th Sept. wherein they assure me a balance due from them which is about £790 shall be paid me at Boston Branch Bank by the Last of Novr as I expect to want a part of it before that time I avail myself

30 of thy kind offer last Spring of having my note accepted at the bank for one thousand Dollars or less. and inclose the ~~note~~ for that sum which please to endorse & have discounted for 30 days & place to my Credit, & thou will oblige me

I think Jeffrey & Russell were underwriters for a policy for Sam[l] Willis upon Sloop Fairhaven she has gone for Boston Ladock Maxfield Master Willis request the risk upon her may now cease or at least at the rec[t] of this & he will remit the Amo[t] of premium. Jam[s]

To Richard Jackson Jun[r] 10 m[o] 25 1792

I shall be obliged by thy sending me by Mosher 6 Casks Lime & 15 or 20 Barrels Cyder the Cyder is for a Ship bound to Sea, that I only wish it of good Body. If thou has an opportunity of purchasing Cheese at 4[d] ℔ lb I should be glad of 5 or 600 lb.

I shall be obliged by thy forwarding the inclosed to G. Arnold as soon as thou can as I wish for some butter from him by Mosher if possible.

If thou can send me 10 Reams Blue Candles Paper from 28 to 30 ℔ Ream Please to do it this time. ... Jam &c

P[d] Homberg & Homberg Pieces. Concluded from page 28

Jam very much relieved from the Anxiety I have for sometime suspected an account of my little property remaining in France least some unforeseen accident might in the course of your troubles increase the difficulty of getting it away. This is down by your obliging favour of 25[th] July by which I am informed that you have remitted to Duchason & Co for Account of my Brother Thomas & my self £9,654.18.3 in Sterling £8709.7.1 which sum in Livres I shall place right on my Books, and am much obliged by your following my Fathers request in remitting it altho'

at the great Loss of £ 87 3/4 the cow — When ever you can forward my Account Current I shall be obliged. the Loss you have sustain in the Death of your first Book Keeper I Lament —
25th I daily expect your Letter by Grennell who we hear arrived at New York the 25th Instant. —

By Capt.n Pun.e who is about sailing from Nantucket I have a few Bundles Shiped of Whale Bone which I request you to dispose off — I have with my Brothers about 50 Tons Sperm Oil on hand. If Grinnell comes here to take in Freight we think to Ship it you — the Accounts of your unsettled situation has prevented Capt.n Mayfield from procuring a freight and he is just now going to the Southard to seek Employment — with respect & much esteem I remain your

5 mo 1. 1793

To Thomas Arnold

As the time is about arrived for the Payment of the Candles, my present urgent calls renders it necessary I should be punctual in calling, that I may punctual in Pay.
I have considerable sum to Pay the 15th of this Month. which I'll no way of effecting without the aid of thy Debt, or I would not have called until I could have seen thee — I shall be obliged by thy paying Plyna Earl Brothers fifty Dollars and place to my account — as we have some Money to come from Providence it is probable we may send some Person next week when it will much oblige me if thou can have it ready any Boston Bank or Gold will save me — with respect & esteem I am &

32 Dear Uncle & Robt 10mo 26.

Since my last I am favoured with three dated 27th 29th & 31 July - 1st & 4 Aug.t handed by Cap.t Allement who arr.d here not out of common train for Ship. having struck a rock that broke both the pintle of Compostion on the Rudder, but met no other damage. New gouns are made & come from Boston. the rudder will be now compleat. as the lower iron brace on the Stn.post was torn off we have been obliged to lighten the Ship & take the ground when at the Wharf to put it on being at first 3 feet under water. her caboose is built wood Cut & we wait the rising of the tide the 29th for her to go over the Shoal Ground to compleat her Stores which are all on the Spot. Mr Hegan had a few lines clear of the landau the 9th. I am unable explain at the length of time She was in Port. & it was very unexpected to me but the Cap.t & Mate being on their own Acct taken off to compleat their Marriages until the time she ought to have sailed & the 2 mate not knowing what was to be done at that time almost every thing that required time was to do. I gave as much attention to the business as if my own & the Cap.t gave his attention as much as could be expected in his situation but it is expensive consenting to Ships waiting the nuptials of their Officers. Have I taken a good man for the business & is furnished with a good crew. I was much flattered with expectation of Swains commanding the Dolphin, indeed he positively engaged me he would, but the opportun

at home was so great, he was obliged to relinquish
& I could see no better man than Stephen Gardner
who was shipd to go to L Orient to command the
Sen: Long goes his mate, he stands high on the
list of a Whale Killer has been mate of a ship many
years & had great experience both on Brazil &
east Shoar — I shall put in 8 black hands, which
I have shipd on good terms, but we are obliged
to make more advance for Cloathing than I could wish
of all wch I shall write thee hereafter. Not having
time yet to compleat any of the accounts
The Dauphin appear in good Order & Cap.t Allen
appears deserving the Character thou gives him, I sincerely
hope he may find incouragement in the Fishing as
never more to go into the Slave Trade, which he
knows to be wrong. I have no doubt from his
activity & knowledge he may make a good Voyage
in our voyage —

Having just heard Cap.n Shipped as I said
soon I have not time to add — but am

10mo 27.

To M Sipas

In my behalf my brother Tho wrote
thee a few days past inclosing my Acct Current
the bearer hereof Charles Church will call upon thee
& agrees for 6/- to bring the money thou may
have to send — but as I am obliged to furnish
him with my horse. I fear it will be too much
if all in Silver, hope thou will be able to send
some Notes Bank or Gold I am

10mo 26. 1792

To Tho.s Dickason ~~& Co.~~ Junr

I duly rec.d thy obliging favour of
26 ultto & immediately wrote N Bary offering a bill on the terms
thou quoted — but he talked of expecting to want — My situation

situation is such that I cannot go to Boston at this time & my Boston Correspendant who allways hold themselves ready for my bills not being Traders with your House, I am unwilling to turn them out of their proper course, & on my own account am equally as unwilling to give thee the trouble that I see no way of avoiding — Being in want of Money from the deposit in the hands of T & D I am under necessity of drawing a bill of for £300 Stg which I inclose with the payee blank. I shall be greatly oblige if thou knows of any of thy friends who want to deliver them & Desire the Amot paid to the bearer William Tallman Junr — as I have drawn at 60 Days I have no doubt the premium of 5 p Cent will readily be allowed — if thou knows of none who are will to take this on them terms, I request thou will deliver the bills to W Tallman who will have my further direction. and I hope to draw no more untill I can attend to it myself & save thee any trouble in it

I am &c

Bott & Pratt

10 Mo. 26. 1792

Having a small bill to draw upon T Dickason & Co to oblige them I have sent to T & D Junr that it may be centered in the hands of their Correspondents provided they will allow me 6 p Cent — which I find has lately been the premium at 60 Days — Should he not find any of those traders in Want the bearer will deliver it to you, in which case I hope it will be agreeable to you to take it & pay the Amount to the bearer Wm Tallman Junr in such sum as he may stand in need of — reserving the remainder for my Account — I should have sent the bill first to you but for the reason I above mentioned — I know the course of Exchange under that premium unreasonble rather than Tallman should be disappointed I will be content with what you say will be right ..... I am &c

To Joseph Hussey

10 mo 27. 1792

I have this day rec^d the Metal Cranes by Allen & shall be obliged by thy selling the Metal sent by

Maxfield and rendering me an account of the whole as speedily as thou can — Two thirds the goods left by Captain Maxfield with thee are my property, and the Sales on his account are to go to my Credit, as it is due to me — I am like to be short of cash in completing my Fall Payments and shall take it as a favour if thou will make an estimate of what money is due me in thy hands from Sales of those Goods the Dutch Shipd by my self, or from the bandles — and deposit in the Branch Bank to my Credit as soon as thou can as I have been obligd to send down my Note for 1000 Dollars that will be soon due —

Should Wm Tallman Junr conclude to take any Dutch of me which he will determine in Boston — he will let thee know the number of pieces, in which case I shall furnish him here, and shall want the same quantity sent me for my own use which please to forward if unsold ..... I am &c

To Moses Saxas

10 mo 29. 1792

I duly recd thine of yesterday & the Church with 679 ½ Dollars 215 Dollars Bank & Wm Ladds order on Haskins & Ladd for 400 Dollars — all which is satisfactory — am sorry thou has had the trouble of sending for Bank bills — on rect of this I shall be obliged by thy sending Churches Rect to give up to him — the whole amount recd being three hundred Eighty Eight pounds Six Shillings & Six pence in full —

No Head Matter can be purchased for less than £65 — at which price we have Bought 10 or 12 Tons on our own Account if at that price thou would wish to have any, Should more come in I will endeavour to procure it ..... I am &c ....

Dear Brother

10 mo 30. 1792

I sincerely lament the horrid situation the Kingdom of France appears by our reports to be in, and have some fears for the safety of Dunkirk as it has been said the Duke of Brunswick was determined to take possession of it

in which case it may make it very troublesome for our peaceable friends in your neighbourhood, as your non assistance in opposition may not be rightly understood but I sincerely hope that he who hath hitherto so protected you will yet preserve you in the enjoyment of quiet, & also in the preservation of our testimony — By Wm M I shall send thee a packet of News papers, which will give the state of our Politicks, & wish in return thou would indulge us with French papers when practicable, as we have a prospect about opening in this (place) town which I wish to encourage, & will forward our papers to thee whenever I can. —

On T Gibbs closing the Bedfords Accounts he has found himself a large creditor to Haydon, & considering the unhappy State of France & the Active part H — has taken he has not thought it prudent to let the property go out of his hands, in which I think Haydon will fully justify him, and having confidence in Seth Russell, I have contracted with him in behalf of myself & Brothers to take 12 Tons Sperm. Oil now on board, for which I am to deliver him the same quantity here, & to pay 45/ Sterling freight, the twelve Tons to be delivered in Dunkirk free of Leakage, as I consider the expence, we shall be at in transporting it to Havre with, the Leakage there, adequate with to the Leakage between this & Dunkirk, & the advantage of saving the duty not more than the additional premium I shall have to pay for Insurance of a French Ships at this period — The advantages made by this Exchange is no more than the prospect of getting so much Oil to market, which I should not have consented to but to save delay to the Ship & Cost that would attend payment of the Duty expence &c, which would have reduced it to £23 Sterling — And I am very free that I should propose to Haydon to take the whole pay me the Amount in London with

Interest from this time & Insurance which I do not suppose I shall be able to effect under 5 or 6 ℘ Cent in this Country. As I do not Look for much profit in any of my Shipments if I can save the interest of my money & premium upon the Exchange in London I shall be satisfied. making the proposal to Haydon. I leave to thy judgment if thou thinks I can do much better, there is no necessity for it. I have required an indemnity from G Gibbs provided Haydon should refuse to comply with his contract which I have not the least reason to apprehend, but mention to thee that thou may know I am safe, and mean to insure the property safe to market against all Hazards.

Should Haydon not take the Oil please to Ship it to Havre if thou thinks best, & order the proceeds remitted as speedily as may to Lane Son & Frazier for my Order - or should Haydon comply with thy terms please to have the money remitted to the same House.

I request thy attention in following the above direction as near as thou can & also thou charge a commission for thy trouble as though done for another person for reasons that I may hereafter inform thee.

Hombergs have informed me of having placed my debet the balance of your Acct with them £840. 6. 7 I am glad to hear, I am much obliged by my kind Father's having directed them to remit the money due to me to London, about £500 of the amo. remitted will be for Thomas' account & I shall probably have 600 to draw to pay those on whose account the the Oil was Shipd which will leave 600 Sterg to my credit & which I hope not to want this year that thou need be in no doubt about drawing it or using it if your business requires it.

I have not yet been able to pay much attention to the amounts that sent me but hope soon to do it. — The Lydias Accounts I hope thou has forwarded by the Mary & I shall be pleased to have the marys Accounts closed as speedily as may be and sent on out of those two Vessells Sales thou will reserve the balane of your Account. and also 3 or 400 £ Sterg more which will set me clear of debt. —

I am &c

Dear Edmund 11 mo 1. 1792

I have several unfinished Sales of thine yet on hand, except the 40 Bar.ls Pork sold J. Alden I have not sold 20 Bar.ls & that on a long Credit — I have yet about half the Pease & Beans unsold, I think the other Artiles are all sold — I have been making an estimate as near as I can from the face of thy Acc.t from rec.t upon the unfinished Sales, by which it appears that I & I am right I am in thy debt about the Amo of the 40 Bar.ls Pork to J.A which by purchasing his Bill. I have just obtained to thy Cr. & which I think to remit thee by West say £127.17.6 I hope thou has been able to sell same or all of the last 100 Boxes of Candles & that from those Sales thou will be able to remit me a few Artiles I am in want of. if thou art not or will not be in cash in due season please to let me know & I will remit the Amo. —

I propose sending with this our Y. Mens Epistle to yours, which please to acknowledge the rec.t of as also to requ.s thy care of forwarding — I cetipiate for our Friends John & Benj.n Reives. —

Please inform me if there is in your Neighbourhood any manufactory of Copper plates for Ships Bottoms & if thou can, the price of it & also price of Old Copper

I am &c

To Nathaniel Clark

11 mo 1st 1792

I wrote thee the 23d Ulto. acknowledging thy information of having closed the Sales of the Oil. & at same time requesting thy sending me 20 or 30 barrels Common Frour. the price thou obtained for the Oil was fully satisfactory, as that Article has fallen in price since thou rec'd it 20/ ₱ Ton that was it not for the great leakage which we expected, we should think taking the Sales together that it was good.

We are in want of several Articles by West which desire thee to procure & send by him. The bread please to get of T Buckly if convenient for thee & request him to have it well dried and all New as it is for a long Voyage

Hope thou will be able to give Acct Sales of West.

I am &c

To T Thebaud

11 mo 31st 1792

Since mine of 16 I have thy favour of same date. Capt. L'Allement has made the addition to his protest as thou requests. The Rudder Joints are completed & the Dauphin has crossed the Bar this Day & lays in 4 fathom Water, where she will complete her Stores & Water & in few Days be ready for Sea. Capt. Gardner is here, & all the Officers & most of the Sailors are Shipd. as soon as my leisure will admit I shall forward the papers relative to the Fame please to inform me if I am to charge thy Account with half the Brig Fames outfit for the Fishery as I think thou has not mentioned that ..... I am &c

11 mo 3. 1792

To Joseph Hussey

Since my last I have rec'd an Invoice of 5/8 Cloth Shipd by Capt. Chase who I has arrived. if so thou will please to settle the Duty by the Invoice inclosed which I suppose will be estimated the Livers at the London

Exchange which was when the goods were Shipd 18 Steg ℔ 3
Livers, which please to attend to, & Should Samuel Procter
call for the Duck or leave directions therefor please to fol-
low them as it is mostly for his Account. The expence of
Freight & Duty with thy commission, please to forward
me in season. I am &

11mo 5. 1790

To Thomas Dickason & Co.

I am favoured with your obliging
Letter of 3d August inclosing Your Invoice of an Iron
Kettle & the Sebastos Amo. 14-9-5 which I duly place
to your Acct. & hope the Kettle will Answer our purpose
the Senators I am pleased with & shall be obliged by your
continuing to forward them when convenient for your
attention to this little busines please accept my thanks
as also for your repeated care in forwarding my letters
that are recommended to you.

I am pleased to hear so good an Acct. of my honored
parent, I wish he could breathe as pure and pleasd air
in France as he found in England but I conclude he
must be in panicks, on Acct. of the commotions of
that unhappy Kingdom.

I am much obliged by your Assurances of attention
to my future Orders for goods, I have had such
a plan in view but from the discouragement our little
fishery has lately experienced, I fear the risk of it and
shall suspend it for the present, Should I hereafter
resume it I shall of course apply to you for Assistance,

I note your having rec.d from Hamberg & Co. £1709.7.5ng
remittance for Account of myself & Brother Thos. — 425.15.4
of which is for Acct. of Thos. which you will please

to please to his Credit. if not already done by advice from Homberg — I note my Fathers provision for me to draw that remittance part of which I am under necessity to draw, but shall leave as much of it as I can. — I have already drawn a Bill dated 10 mo 26 at 60 days for £300 which I sent down to your D. Junr (as I could not leave home) with a request (he would) place it in the hands of some of the friends of the House, but as he was gone to Philadelt & not one appeared to take it or the term I expected upon another quarter it was so circumstanced that it could not be delayed & was filled up to Booth & Prah. wch when it comes to hand please to honour & I will endeavour that no others shall go out of your hand the last year unexpected to me & contrary to my wish

I am

To Booth & Pratt

11 mo 7. 1792

William Tallman Junr informd me you were so obliging as to take the Bill I sent by him at 4½ p Cent & that you pd him about £200 particulars of which he has not yet handed me — I shall be obliged by your forwarding the enclosed letter of advice (which) with the Bill — I have this day drawn upon you in favour of Benj Bessett for 100 Dollars I expect to give Sarah Hussey another draft for 300 Dollars which when they appear request you will pay them due honour . . . . . I am &c

To Brown Benson & Ives

11 mo 13. 1792

I duly recd your favour dated 20th Sept I am obliged by your Assurances that the balance of my Account shall be placed to my Credit in the Boston Branch Bank

by the Last of the present Month in consequence of which I have had my Note discounted payable at that time — I have now inclosed my Account Current balance in my favr £815.10.5 which hope you will find free from error —

We have had an unexpected supply of a full Stock of Hemp for the winter — Should we hereafter be in want will enquire your terms — We shall be glad to receive your Orders for Candles whenever you may want Yrs &c

11mo 12. 1792

To the District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

The Petition of Wm. Rotch Junr Merchant of New Bedford respectfully Sheweth —

That being Agent for the Brig Fame sent out from L'Orient in France by my Uncle Francis Rotch to fish for the Whale Fishery, the disaster expressed by the Protest herewith sent terminated in the loss of that Vessell, and having Good reason to suppose the Vessell was insured in London, on her being burnt I endeavoured to collect & save the property for the Underwriters — and early made application to my friend Joseph Hussey of Boston, & requested him to State the case to Judge Lowell & requested a Warrant to be issued for the Sale of the property, but more than one Week having elapsed, & he informing, that the Judge was absent from town, & much of the property being in a perishing situation, I apprehend delay would be injurious to the concerned I proceeded to order the sale thereof, for the Benefit of Underwriters, have since proceeded to settle for the expences of Salvage — all which will appear by the statements in the

Accounts accompanying this — And in Order that those Accounts may go Forward under property Authority, I pray the Court to recognize the same the same, and grant the Authority of the Court thereto. I am &c

11 mo 7. 1792

Respected Friends
Gibby & Channing

Inclosed in Inv.: of 48 box Candles J Cunningham w.d is all we have ready for this Conveyance You had the liberty of taking from Wm. Burroughs & J Norris what my brother Vicky had on hand with them. hope this Supply will supercede the Necessity of that. if you have already rec.d them & G Champlin is in present want it is my wish he may be equally furnished with yourselves as our engagement with him will require it — we shall send more as soon as possible until w.ch I am y.r ms — fr —

To Nathan Goodale Esq.r

11 mo 12. 1792

I shall feel myself greatly obliged by thy attention to the subject of the petition herewith inclosed to the District Court, in which I have endeavoured to follow the mode pointed out by Judge Lowell to my friend & Neighbour E. Pope Esq.r if their is any informality in the Application, I shall be much pleased with thy taking the liberty to make the necessary alteration Judge Lowell was so obliging as to send me word that the application might be made at any time. Will thou excuse the freedom of my requesting my attention hereto & have the papers duly authenticated & deliver under cover to me the Bearer Wm Henshaw as soon as convenient who will call at the time thou may fix & will pay the expenses thereof I am &c

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Dear Brother 11 mo 19: 1792

Sam[l] Rodman Inclosed is 6 Prior's Draft on Jon[a] Jenkins
200 Dollars
& James Parsons on P & C Mitchell 95 55/100
which please to receive & place to my Credit — Doll 295 55/100

I have wrote Jo[s] Hussey by mark to make use of money he has of mine & give me a Draft upon thee — as I conclude I have more than the sum thou wants in his hands. if not I expect £5 or 600 to my Credit in the Bank next week, & can order what thou wants, & it is not likely I shall want it very soon, & I hope not at all but let it remain towards your balance. — The hoops I credit thee a 2/6 — I have just rec[d] from — New York. Prime Beef a 50/ York. — Wm Taber was sold in readiness, & but for (lindg) the difficulty of finding the Silk hands might have sailed last 7[th] day — all is now well & I hope to turn my back in the morng. & go to New Port with our dear Mother — Please request Cap[n] Swain to send me opp a copy of his bill Supplies to the Dauphin as I have mis[l] or lost the one he sent ..... Sam G[o]

PS to Stephen Gardners Letter of 11 mo 20 1792
Fourth day Morning [of the Ship] Dauphin
I am exceedingly dissatisfied with the want of care in the Officers of the Dauphin after so much plague as I have had, to think Cor[s] Men who call themselves Officers could quietly go to Sleep & leave two Negroes to watch on Deck — which Might Acknowledge he knew, & suffer the hands to run away — I am under engagements to go to New Port this morning & shall leave the matter to thee, as I feel myself clear in having done my duty & am determined to trouble my-
self

self no more about it, as the intolerable carelessness of those who had the care on board is too Vexatious to think any more of. Jam &c

To Zaccharia Hillman

11mo 29. 1792

We have left at St Simons Island about 30 Sticks of Live Oak Timber which is left in the care of the Collector Fredrica Chris Hillaig

I shall be obliged by thy procuring some Vessell to go there & take it in, in the Spring, if thou can do it for 30/ p Ton Lmo. & any expence that may attend getting it down I will pay, & if that sought does not appear enough I leave thee to agree as thou may think best

if it cannot be brought without thy going in person, & thy business will permit, I wish thou would undertake it, & I will satisfy thee for it

thy Friend Jam &c

12mo 1. 1792

To Jos Shubard

I wrote thee from Newport advising the state of the Dauphin after several days waiting the Sailors were luckily taken & Capt Gardner Sailed the 28th the Pilot left them at 2 PM clear of the Bay, & she must have had a good time of the coast. I have not yet rec. the Acc. from the Admiralty when I do they shall be forwarded & soon followed by all the other Accounts on the 27th arrived here the Mary Capt Bunker in 52 days from Dunkirk, by her we have accounts up to Oct 5 by which it appears that the affairs of that Kingdom wear a better face than heretofore, abstracts of the most importance intelligence is contained in our paper which I inclose for thy information — Captain LAllement left the inclosed letters to be forwarded of which I request thy care — with much esteem — Jam &c

To Samuel Ward & Brothers 12 mo 1. 1792

Your favour of 2nd ult to by Gramma I duly rec with 15 Tons Hemp, which is to your credit, as we had previously contracted for all the Cut bandles our Manufactory can furnish until the 10th inst it is out of our power to send you any by this conveyance but hope soon to be able to forward you some — The two Bows bandles marked HH shall be replaced as soon as possible —

Your Acct stands on my books incompleat for want of the price of a Ton of Iron & the weight & price of a Faggot of Steel of which I have several times wrote. also a bill of a Chest of Tea to Capt West which he mislaid & never had it entered — with esteem. —— Jam& ——

12 mo 3. 1792

To Murrays & Wheaton

It is some time since I wrote to you respectg the Sales of the Cordage left in your hands by S Proctor Junr. the Sales of which I hope is compleated if so & you have not remitted the proceeds agreeable to my former request, I shall be obliged by your paying the proceeds to the bearer Capt Elisha West or in his absence Capt Eleazer Hathaway as it is uncertain which of them will go to Alexandria Should neither of them go there — I shall be pleased with your information, if the Sales are closed, & also by your remitg the Nt Sales either to Jos Anthony & Son Philadelphia, Edmund Prior New York, or to myself —

If any delay has taken place in the Sales it is my wish they may be closed even if at a low price —

with respect —— Jam& ——

To Wm Wood

12 mo 3. 1792

I duly rec.d thy Letter from New York, last Spring but it would have been more pleasg. if thou had made me some remittance at that time, I hope thou has made out very well & will be able to make me some remittance by the May flower Capt.n West or Hathaway — the Goods I ordered for thee from Boston, are not yet paid for & it is going upon interest, & I expect to be called upon there for next 3.d month I therefore wish thee to make me some payment there upon. for which purpose I have drawn upon thee in favour of Eleazer Hathaway for three hundred Dollars. which desire thou will make out to pay him or more agreeable to Ship that Amount to Edmund Prior for my account it will answer my purpose but as I have endeavoured to Assist & Serve thee all in my power, I hope I may not be again disappointed by thy neglecting to oblige me — I believe thy father in Law has made out to clear Jones Mortgage & takes care of thy family I Doan will doubtless hear the change in his family before this reaches thee — has lost his wife by the Small Pox by inoculation — 30 persons have died with that dreadful disorder it is now nearly gone through — thy friend — Sam.l &c

12 mo 3. 1792

To Capt.n Wm. or Hathaway

In the hands of Murrays & Wheaton at Alexandria I had some bondage left by Sam.l Proctor Junr some time since. in the enclosed I have requested their closing the Sales & paying the proceeds to thee, which desire thou would receive if practicable & bring for my Account — I have

I have also considerable property in the hands of William Wood at Mocho dock who ought to have made me some payment before this, to him I have written & requested his paying thee the inclosed Order for 300 Dollars — I wish thee to use some endeavours to obtain this payment unless he will remit it to New York, & let those endeavours be in proportion to his situation if he is doing well & it will distress or injure him to pay the whole now, I will consent to receiving a part. —

Please also to endeavour to receive the inclosed Order for 130 Dollars with interest of Capt Jo. Whitfield which was to be paid long since — bring me a few bus. sweet potatoes — & half bus. Slips for plants if thy return is in season — I am thy Friend

To Geo Champlin 12mo 8 1792

The above is of 20 boxes of candles p Crowell which is all we could make out, which I hope will answer thy purpose they are well prest & I have no doubt they will stand the Sultry climate well —

The balance due upon the two bills shall be pleased thou will ship in Hemp p Jno Crowell — & I shall be oblig'd by thy request'g thy brother Ch. to ship also by him one Ton Iron & the Hemp to Balance the bill of 12 Boxes Candles sent by my Brother — respectfully — I am &c —

Sent to W Burroughs for 10 bbl Cyder. 1 bar Rum 1 box Chocolate 1 Ca Rice. 8 bu Beans 100 lb Coffee 10 lb Tar

12mo 21. 1792

To Moses Seixas

My brother Thos. handed me Ninety pounds rec'd of thee with thy request to make the addition of 2 Tons more Head Matter to the five thou requested me to procure — Which quantity I have nearly compleated & now shipped p Capt Mitchell as p

Invoice & bill Lading for 38 casks amo. to £458.6.6 to thy debit — this was all purchased at £6 4. except a little allowance made upon a Sm parcel — There is now only 6 Tons unsold & that we have concluded to purchase on our own Acct only to close the market —

I expect Wm Burroughs is now in advance for my Acct. if so I shall request him to draw upon me. & shall be obliged by thy taking this Draft. & pay him the Amo —

Sam'l &c —

To Wm Burroughs

12 mo 24. 1792

I know ell arrived yesterday but as he is involved in affection by the loss of his wife this morng I have not rec'd any letter from thee nor intelligence what he has for me — As I suppose he must be in advance for me if thou has shipp'd the Articles I wrote for I wish thee to apply to Moses Seixas & give him a bill upon me for what may be due as I have requested him to pay it. —

Gibbs & Channing have informed of their calling on thee for 15 boxes of candles. by the bearer Capt Mitchell & I now send thee 20 boxes should have sent more, but was anxious to send some to N York as it may be the last conveyance I may have this winter — If thou has not sent me a hhd of molasses as requested by J. Anthony please to send one by first conveyance. with esteem — — Sam'l &c —

12 mo 24. 1792

Samuel Ward & Brothers

I avail myself of this conveyance by Capt Mitchell to send you 25 boxes candles as p Invoice inclosed Amo. to £95. 3. 9. the remainder shall be forwarded as soon as possible —

I hope you will in due time send me a bill of Iron & Steel
rec.d long silence — with esteem ——— Jam.s &c ——

12 mo 26. 1792

To Samuel Willis

By the Susa we have sent moulds for top timbers & futtocks for two Ships to which I crave thy particular attention to have them procured of best red Cedar as near to the Moulds as may be — and the directions which are written upon the moulds, but least that direction should be destroyed I will repeat them —— For Ship Eagle of 275 Tons

50 Upper futtocks Viz.t —— of Mould No.1.

25 to the mould & 25 nearly the same only 2 inches larger on outside at the upper end for the foot, by turning the mould end for end ——

60 Top Timbers Viz.t —— of mould No 2

30 nearly to the mould of midship timber 16 to straighten gradually at the head from this to nearly straight

14. Crook gradually from this to the shape of the after top timber mould ——

16. is mould of the after top timber of which we want one pair & the dimensions as above gradually to straighten at the foot until they come nearly to the mould of the midship top timber ——

For Ship Cato —— 340 Tons

76 Upper Futtocks Viz.t —— of mould No 3

38 to the Mould. 38 nearly to this Mould turned end for end or add 2 inches on the outside of the top for the foot ——

76 Top Timbers Viz.t —— of Mould No 4

38 about to the mould — 20 to straighten gradually at the head from this to nearly straight

18 to brook gradually from this to the Shape of the after top timber Mould of the Eagle allowing for the bato half a foot more between decks than the Eagle —
90 Upper top timbers — of Mould N° 5 Viz
nearly half to this mould - about 20 aft to gradually straighten at the foot to answer to the quarter timbers of a round side — at 25 forward to straighten at the head gradually unto nearly a straight Timber

Besides these sticks ordered I wish thee to procure 3 or 4 more tons of good large timber nearly & quite straight suitable for Ship timber or for Window frames. I want particularly enough for my fathers house say for 50 p.c 6 feet long & 50 p.c for stools & caps 4½ feet - let this be large timber to saw here —

I rely upon thy doing the best thou can in procuring the Ship timber as near to the dimentions as possible, also on the best terms thou can - thou will doubtless see samples of what is cut for Phila.a & New York Market, we wish ours to be as good or better than that - I wish thee to freight some of the futtocks for the Eagle or all of them as early as possible in the Spring. let also all that Ships timber come first as it will be wanted early. likewise the timber for the window frames, please also to ship me by the earliest convey ance 50 bar.s Tar or more if on good terms - The Sasa will not be able to bring all the timber I have wrote for - but should thou ship by any other Vessel & there should not be enough for her Load.g thou may fill her up with Tar & Pitch —

Should thou find Flax of that country worth Spanish dollars in I conclude it will be worth 8.s here if good - thou may also bring me 40 or 50 bu.s good beans but no calavance & any other Article thou knows will make a profit, particularly furs of all kinds being careful not to be im-

imposed upon — I hope thou will be able to close the Sales of the goods thou carries out on my Acct. and at this they are put very low yet I had rather suffer a small (loss) discount for Cash than they should be returned —

If thou takes a Store pray observe that it is said a Law exist in (that (Country) Carolina that the tenant is accountable for back rents. — Please to bring me a few bushell perhaps 6 best sweet potatoes & also send me some by the first (conveyance) vessel

If thou can't get the freighted under 30/ p Ton 1mo I had rather give that than not to have some early — the whole I leave to the — If thou finds a quick sale for the Goods & Corn is low enough to Ship thou may if convenient send me some with the first Vessel that brings the timber

do see that the Cash Rice on board the Susa is left with Wm Bourroughs to be sent me when ever he finds conveyance with respect — I am &c —

To Jethro Mitchell & Sons 1mo 4. 1793

On shewg your letter to Abbot Gardner he has paid me the balance of your Acct Current for which I have given him my Order upon you for £164.5.1 — he would have paid more but not beg prepared to pay the whole I chose to let the note stand until I heard from you respectg J. Abdens note now in my hands. he Order that note paid out of the 500 dlrs I drew upon you in his favour, which I suppose was left in your hands if not y may consider it on your Acct of your note & send me an Order upon Boston for the balance you may find due — Doubtless have the amot say £219. 24 Ct. close your Acct Current & your find free from error please to not accordgly I am

To N Homberg & Homberg Jnrs 1 mo 3. 1793

I had the pleasure of writg. you 10 mo 10. since which I have rec.d your obliging favour of 28th August covering Invoice 5 bales Duck Amounting to 3696. 9.6 which came safe to hand per Capt Chase, & is to your Credit — I shou have be much pleased to have rec.d Acct Sales of the last Bill of Grennell — which I hope will be soon to hand, & that you will be able to remit the Amt. on easy terms — Flattering myself that the quantity of Spermaceti Oil at your Market this Season would be inadequate with the Supply, I have been induced to make another Shipment of Grennell of which you have Invoice & Bill Lading here inclosed, (which) which I doubt not will claim your best attention to dispose of on good terms — My brother Tho.s makes another Shipment by this Vessell of which he will doubtless inform you — I have the pleasure of recommend.g your attention to my brother in law Tho.s Hazard Jun.r who also addresses you at this time, to his application, suffer me to crave you care & attention — By our recent accounts from France, we daily hope to hear that peace & tranquility is again restored to that devoted Country, in which situation I doubt not not her trade & manufactures will again flourish —

My Brother & myself are buildg a Ship of 270 Tons which we expect will be off next fall, Should we find a freight for her to Haver of Oil we shall be obliged by your information if you could Assist her to a freight to any part of America, and also of the prospect there would be of freight in future provided we should conclude to continue her a regular Ship twice in the year

I request your attention to the size of what Glass you may in future Ship me, there is considerable complaint of the 8 by 6 being cut to small ——— please to attend that the Glass be better packed not Green, but white, that by Marsfield was to colour well approved. ———

I have made out (my an) Order for such Articles as I wish to have Shipped out upon my Acct — the One half of the window Glass. Looking Glasses & Silk Stockings I wish Shipped to Boston by the first Ship, & all the others by Grinnell if bound directly to this Port or its Vicinity ——— You need make no Insurance upon either. — if the Sein Twine is not of your Fabrick please to omit it.

You will please keep me advised of the State of your Market as to Oils, Bones, & Exchanges ——— I request your care in forwarding the Letters for our family at Dunkirk ———

with respect ——— I am &c ———

To Jos. Hussey

1 mo 19. 1793

Inclosed is Invoice 62 Boxes Candles which will likely reach thee on third day next. ——— & which I hope will find a speedy Sale, I want thou should send me by the Team 7 Cs. good Russia Duck, which with the Potashes sent for by my Brother T H, will not load the Team, and as I shall want some of my French Duck if unsold, I wish thou would send as much of N°. 3 as he can bring to make a load that we may pay no dead freight, if he can find a Load besides it will be agreeable for the French Duck to be omitted, if not enough N°. 3, some of the higher numbers left by Marsfield — please inform the prospect for Candles by the next Post or by the Team as we wish of encouraging to Load the Team again immediately back ——— My Brother Thomas Rotch desires thou would send him by the Team 100 very good Coffee & 2 Loaves east India Sugar. ——— with respect. I remain Tam &c

To Jos. Thibaud 1mo 26. 1793

Thine of 14th reached me this day & by the same post, Rec'd back from Boston the Acct. respecting the Fame, which have Laid several Months in the hands of the Judge of Admiralty, Notwistanding my frequent applications for them I feared (I feard) should be obliged to go down for them myself — the Judge gave me encouragement that he would have them recognized & issue them under the Sanction of the Court but after detaining them thus Long, thought it would not be proper for him to do more than enter them on the files & give me copies which I suppose would a little to their Authority & as it would still produce longer delay I thought best to let them go, hoping as their is a balance upon the Acct. — £174. 18. 11 due from me. the underwriters will not mind a little informality — I am sorry for this delay but has been impossible for me to do otherwise, & I am equally sorry that I cannot now forward the others Acct's but various circumstances have occupied my Attention that I have not been able to Meet all the Bill, which I hope to accomplish in a week more — with respect & esteem — I am &c —

1mo 25. 1793

To Samuel Phillips

I have unreasonably delayed acknowledging the rec. of thy (letter) favour dated April 23rd — which reached me last 1st monir with 42 packets Sheathg. paper & 20 Reams wrapping paper, I have only sold about 30 packets of the former & but 7 Reams of the latter, prices 10/ & 4/6 — for Acct. of which I now inclosed thee my [illegible]

upon the Bank for 55 Dollars

There is an almost a Constant demand for Wrating paper at this Market at thair in small quantitys I think is better approved that what we have been generally supplied with from Providence — Should not my backwardness discouraged thee, I thou has a mind to forward more of that Quality, I will use my endeavours to promote its Sale —

I shall be obliged by thy sending me a Ream of samples of thy writing paper with their prices and I will remit the Amt a considerable quantity suitable for Account Books & School Books) We would sell if approved —

My Jos Hussey Boston would forward to me what thou may wish, as he has knowledge of our Coasters

Please inform me at what prices p M thou would furnish me with from 20 to 40 Reams soft blue paper for packg our Spermaceti candles p year to weight from 28 to 34 lb p Ream, as blue or more so than the sample inclosed — the width must be only 14 Inches the length about 18 — but that is immaterial —

To Nath Freeman

Jam
1mo 29. 1793

I duly rec. thy favour without date & it was my intention, to have replied by Jos Wing but it slipd my mind — it would have been pleasg. to me if the Advocates for the Rights of Man in your Quarter had felt their Zeal sufficiently kindled in so honorable a cause as by a subscription to have lightened a weight that falls pritty heavy upon an individual, as since the Action has failed I shall have to bear the expence my self, not beg. Willing to saddle the Abolition society with fruitless suits, introduced by private persons — I inclosed thou has my Check for eight Dollars 94 Cent which will serve any of your traders as well

To S Eliot 1mo 25. 1793

Thy letter of 20. duly reach'd me & I shall be pleased to execute thy Order for Labert Oil. what shall be forwd in spring.

I now inclose my Order on B & Wall for £91-10 w^ch please receive & send my note pl^y bala principal & int^t if any Dy acct where I think I have 2p^t Linen 5-10-6. if it was not included in my note. but I think the note is pr 86-13-2. & thy debit I have 34 g^l Oil 85/.

I Freeman's Continued Jan^y

as well as Cash as it will be punctually paid & is the most convenient way I can transmit the money. thou will please to acknowledge —— with respect. —— I am — thy Friend

S J Fuller 2mo 4. 1793

I duly rec^d thine of 25 & have C^r the Bill Duck say 25-16-6. — I leave with thy prospect of the Sale of Candles we avail ourselves of the Opp^y & send thee two loaves more 128 boxes & Inclosed Invoice

I either wrote wrong or thou did not attend to my request for my br. Tho^s it being for 2 loaves instead of 1 g^l. E.J. Sugar & it is also 2 loaves in my letter book but Tho^s will write thee when he wants the sugar as I suppose the Teams will not find for to come up here —— I am ——

To Henry & Brown 1mo 29. 1793

On comparing your Acc^t Current with my Books I find you have a p^r Fustian 21/ yds at 1/10 £2. 18. 11½ in Bill 5mo 12 which 2/ over cast & in the Bill accompany^g the Goods it was right

38/11½

I never until now I got home, that you had the
the Cotton at 1/6 — it stands charged on my books
1/8. I have no recollection of ever having proposed a reduction
as it was the price I well remember to have at first asked you
W. A. I was determined never to sell it untill it reached
that price, and on reuring to my own & your letters I am only
confirmed in it. In yours of 4mo 29. I find thus. — "If our
" Goods upon further trial should suit thee, & the quality stip-
"ulate in payment for the Cotton we have rec.d inadequate to
" thy sales shold be glad to have thy other 2 bales, & in Order
" to encourage the vend of our own manufacture, shall not
" hesitate at the price thou proposes if on further trial) ac-
" quaintance with the price of Cotton thou shall demand it."
Well know I, that Cotton was low at that period, I was well
confirmed that it was worth my keep at a less price than
20.d I had invariably been my determination never to let it
go out of the Store at a less price — If you have any knowledge
of any further conclusion, I shall be pleased to be informed
but I conclude it was an accidental error, which you over
looked — If I recollect the conditions were half in
your Manufacture & half in Cash, but after trial of
the Goods, I was determined to avoid calling for money
& receive the whole for encouragement of your manufactary
which was the reason on my part of the delay of the settlement.
I was disappointed in my idea of the balance when the acct
was closed, but fear I had omitted to credit some of your bills
I said nothing of & never adverted to your a.c.t until I
found it disagreed with my book

with respect I esteem ——— I am — &c —

2 mo 8. 1793

To Samuel Ward & Brothers

I wrote you 24. 12 mo & sent 25. boxes Candles by a Vessel bound to New York on her way to Carolina but stopg. to Newport. they altered their distination & landed the Candles there. & no conveyance ocurring the letter was returnid & I have since ordered them another way. this serves to cover Bill of 100 boxes Sperma city Candles Shipd by Capt. G Delano for your Acct. am.o £

On makg. trial of your Hemp our foreman makes great complaint of its quality. which we are very sorry for. as we have established a good reputation in the makg of Cordage. We gave at Newport for 15. or 20 Tons £42 of excellent quality payment in Candles at 2/6. & at that price had credited yours, but was it so circumstanced that no inconvenience would attend we should be very unwilling to take at £10 which is the price for the best kind in Boston where also our Candles sell for 2/9. after thus statg. the circumstances I shall leave it to your determination. desirg. nothing but justice. I must again solicit your Acct. of a ton of Iron & a faggot of Steel. also a Chest of Tea to West. as he lost the Bill with respect Dan

2 mo 8. 1793

To Joseph Anthony & Sons

I was duly favourd with your your two letters of 7. & 14. Ulto with Sales of two parcels of Candles which are very agreeable. On compar.g the Sales with my Invoices I find. Viz.

Invo	15 Boxes	465 3/4 lb	Sales	407 1/4 lb	
"	20.	551	do	591	
		1016 3/4		998 1/2	18 1/2 Short in Sales

of the whole, if they are reweighed & the Loss on the weight it must have been by the shrinking of the boxes but hope your Books will rectify the mistake — the Nps are to your Cr. — I hope you will soon find a Sales for the Oil, & also for a few Tons of very first Quality which we propose Shipping you p Blinker who sails in a few weeks — The State of my Act. was not Endorsed as noted in yours, but as it stands wholly on my Books as far as I can recollect, I have ventured to crave your Assistance in pay.g James Parsons & Son 384. Dolls 41 Cts on the appearance of my drafts of this. I shall be oblig.d by your honouring it. — with great esteem & respect I am —

12mo 26. 1792

To Edmund Prior

I was yesterday favoured with thine of the 12. with the Iron Kettle, which proves much to our mind I am oblig.d by thy enquiry & information respect.g the price of Try pots. but a 35/ we shall never send for our moulds from London — I suppose his price for common cast.g was 28/ & I conclu.ded for so large an Article would have reduced the price still lower, as its probable our demand might amo.t to 20 Tons p Annum — I am glad to hear thou has done with Haydon — I feel an interest.g part in the concern of D.o & much desire he may be favoured to progress a right — Our much bel. love Friend J Scott sailed from Boston the 5 inst. 2mo 8. 1793 The four.g was sent with 35. Boxes candles by Capt Mitchell who was to take New York in his way to Carolina, he went to Newport, landed the Candles & went directly to Cape Fear & the person in

whose care they were left not findg a conveyance for the candles. returnd the letters lastly — Those I have now ordered another way. I have sent by Capt. Delano 70 Bs as p Invoices which hope will meet a speedy sale. I much concerned that thou has had none on hand this Winter — by next conveyance shall be able to send the mare — I have a considerable part of thy last two parcels of thy pork & hand which I hope to sell in the Spring — there is but little call for it now — I blieve all the other sales are closed — which I shall forward if I can get them off in time —

Inclosed is a Bill & Invoice 25 Bs Strained Oil which we have given Delano liberty to sell should he meet any opportunity on his way. Tho we have agreed that if no prior put of of sale he shall bring it back free of freight — if thou can sell it so as to net us £27. & the charges upon it with the freight we had rather it was sold than returned if thou thinks the has a prospect good for the sale please to retain it — 3. or 4. months &c. will be no disadvantage to us — Our Mutual Friend

I Had the care of geting some some Signature in New York for my Sister Hannah which she expects thy assistance in if she has done it. I shall be obliged by thy pleasing the amo. to my Account —

Please to send me by G. Delano with respect
20 Bs Comn Flour & 4 Spirits
10 Bs Spirits middlings — } I am &c

60

Respected friends 2mo 9th 1793

Jeffrey & Rupell

I am requested by our frnd J Austin to forward you £77.18.4. w^ch I suppose is balance due for his rent —

I have accordingly handed that sum to Griffin Barmy to deliver you. which you will please to place to Jst &c.

When Willis note is sent up I will forward the amount I am

2mo 16. 1793

R - Friend
J Thebaud.

Since my last of 26 ult. I have been industriously engaged in collecting the bills &c. due the three Ships ac^t w^ch I have not been able to effect until this evening, nor am I clear that I am in possession of all the bills, one only I recollect I am deficient in, the fr^t of Danp. Stowsjin Nash. but as there is an old Iron caboose & 2 old trypots she left here with her long boat unrob. I thought best to close the ac^t & whatever may hereafter appear shall then be settled — I also forward thy acc^t current balance due me, 24.7.6 all which hope thou will find free from error — I have been under necessity of making more advances to the people than I could have wished, yet act on the only terms upon which I could induce the hands to go I hope my conduct therein will meet the approbation of the concerned, as I have done every thing for their int^t that I could have done for my own Dup. of all the acc^t I shall send to my uncle T R. D London by Cap Folger to sail first of next mo. from Boston - I have discounted on me in Cap^r Swain bill for the Danp. 12 ds Iron a 4/8 £28.6 if the no. is right. as by Cap^t Lake. information I suppose it is only the print is wrong it should be £37.12. our price is 6/. but I

I believe they are more at Nantucket, but lest he has made some error therein I thought best not to alter my Accounts but acquaint him of it —

I how would observe I have called the Cash'd by the Fame credited in thy Account as Invoice of Goods. this is in conformity to my directions. that no Acct. may go to — with the mention of that article 1/2 p Cent was p.d agreeable to bill Lad.g. —

Capt Lallement's protest also accompanys the Accounts — with respect & esteem. I am &c —

Dear Uncle

2 mo. 18. 1793

I duly rec.d thine of 7.th inst. from London

I sincerly lament the unfortunate situation of the Kingdom of France, but hope the will be able to make a proper use of the great succes that have attended their pursuits after Liberty & Equality, & thereby gain a quiet settlement no more to be disturbed by the unhappy sound of War — I am pleased to find thy whole property was insured in the Fame, It is some time since I followed J Thebaud Orders in send.g him the Acc.ts & protest respecting that unfortunate adventure, Copys of which I now inclose thee — as also of all the three Ships Outfit —

Several matters occurred to delay forwarding the Fame Accounts which it was not in my power to remedy — the long indisposition of my wife last fall with such an uncommon interruption of the course of our business as the small Pox occasioned in this town together with my ignorance of the mode I was to proceed in & not being able to leave my other busines to have the matters properly arranged at the court of admiralty — I took the best Counsil I could find, I had once encouragement from the Judge of the District Court that he would recognize

recognize the act. I issue them under his authority, I therefore sent them to him. I after retaing them two months he returnd them as they were, concludg that he could do nothing more that enter them on the files of the Court & grant copies, which I suppose would only increase the delay & create expence, I therefore sent them on to Thuban only under my own authority, which I hope will be satisfactory to the underwriters —

Capt Parker sent father about 160 Dollars from woolwich Bay, which was a seasonable supply, but having nearly made his hous Habitable, & beg considerably in Debt, he was like to be attacked in the Law, & on his giving me a statement of his Debts amountg to about 265 Dollars, I furnishd him with the Money & taken a mortgage of his House & Lot — I should be very glad if his son would remit me that sum & take the mortgage to himself it was from an apprehension that it would be Capt Parkers wish that I should do this rather than his Parents should be distrest that I did it — I shall be obligd by thy treatg with him upon this subject — I am pleased to her of the success of thy Vessells, which I hope are all in ~~from~~ except those from this part.

I shall attend to thy request in L Jarvis matters —

It gives me pleasure to see thy expressions of a hope one more to meet thy relatives in this place — I am gog forward with a House for my father this season, it is to stand, at the corner where the Old Barn stood on Union formerly King Street — on closing the Dauph. Cap. I do not find Bananas Potatoes &c on board, & I hope she has on board onon of potat. that an omittion, having discovered this in time, I have sent Capt by the Mary 200 or 30 bu: they will doubtless meet in Wolwich Bay next Summer

22d I have a letter from Messrs Hayes St Jago Nov 28. The Dauphin left the Bay 30th 11 mo had a good time off. I have title sind they are for sale in my favr 216. 7.1 for wch I shall follow thy directions in drawing when I can conveniently do it. I shall order half the proceeds of Jane to his Credit — the whole of the Negro remains to him —

I am —

Added to Copies of agreements with hands of Negroe Daughters
& sent to T Robb in foregoing letter

Know it was disallowed at the Office in France for a Sailor
to sell more than ¼ his Share, I was at a Loss how to enter them
all right, I put Pomps down in Roll ¼100 which is only half
the Share he is to have, & then took an agreement for ¼ of a
Share of ¼75 least he should demur at the lay – but he has rec'd
pay for ¾ by contract with him – I could not better than to
advance him so much, yet on considering the matter I suppose
the agreement will be of no use, but shall send it, & hope no
difficulty will attend — B Coleman is grandson to our
deceased Aunt, Lydia Coleman, him with, Reuben Paddack
are members of our Society & both under age, their Parents
wish them to have no more than is necessary & their Voyages
emitted as speedily as may be, those two with Calvin Bunker
I wish to recommend to thy particular care, as their Conduct
dust has interested me in their behalf —

I am under agreement for the Shares of C Wheelwright
& Stephen Lewis both ¼50 to their Masters who desires they
may be furnished sparingly particularly the last, to whose
master I was obliged to advance 50 Dollars on interest —
B Bates is willing if his Charles obtains a good Voyage he
should have a suit of good Cloaths suitable for such a man
After the Ship was near Sailg. I found Job Prince was a mi-
nor 17 years Old & I was obliged to advance his Father 10
Dollars to quiet him, & he claims half his voyage which
I have promised to use my endeavours to obtain for him
in which I crave thy assistance, he is a very un-
steady Lad, and may as well spare his money to his
aged Parent, as to spend it —

Isaac Dursey has left a Wife in difficult circum-
stances & altho he is a steady Man, I wish thee to see

his liberty & remit thro me some money for his family & also any of the others that wish to send home. I will gladly take the trouble of it. I shall be glad thou would contrive for some money to pass thro my hands for F. Faber, Wright & R. Amas, as I expect to be obliged to furnish them all, & if it escapes my hands it may be difficult to reclaim it. I am &c

Job Prince running away & Peter Eddy also, created expences which occasion'd me to enter here a larger proportion of their shares sold than was before paid for, & of course differs from what is entred on the agreement in the Ship. I am &c

Dear Father & Brother

Nmo 22. 1793

I expect to have the duty on the Manes head m: the other pays 7½ p Cent should the Lydia come out, I hope you will send the Head out as it will probably be clear of Duty but not if retripp'd in another bottom. As thou art about closing thy concern in the Ships, it would be very desirable to me if you could so accommodate Moore & yourselves as to let the Lydia come out for the concern on this side or some other way as I want with Tho: a Ship for a Skin Voya. & I conclude I will choose some of his property on this side. I do not claim any right to the Lydia, altho an equal individual owner except Moore, & I have been so large a sufferer in the navigation I have taken from the house that I dare not risk upon any doubtful one. Perhaps I doubt not ye Sale as with England. What Moore will with the Lydia to come to America on his own acc: Should this be the plan I shall be glad to be early informed of it as it may be in season to prevent our purchasing one next summer. I wish you could send us over 6 good Rope makers they must be troubled to procure them 5/ is given in Boston begin from 3 to 4/6. & I should be glad to give 4/. for good hand contracting for a year or up they paying their own board &c it is now 4/ & 4/6

Then is no doubt the New Congress to meet next May or as it ought add a duty to amount to prohibition upon

Head Matter but as they generally fix a distant
period it is probable it will not go into effect in all
next summer — I cant rate Head to stand higher
than 60 tim. should it fall in England to 35 £ & 19. if the
diff^c in gauge will save the leakage & no expences arise
except Cons^l Insu. 1^st prinage & Excha. with 7 ½ Duty
it will not exced 60 — hen — if on those terms it can
be ship'd either from London or France — I should
be glad to have 50 Tons on my own acct. ~~either from~~
~~London~~ that is if the Amo. can be provided for
out of the Mary's Oil, & what I have ship'd by
Grennell to Homberg or partly out of Lydias present
voyage & Bounty. — as I wish to make some allow^ce
of ab^t what I have in London w^ch I suppose ab^t £600 Sl^g
after what I have Drawn & B's dft of 234 £ accord^g
to thy letter — The bal. due me upon Lydias acct from
I hope will pay the bal. of my Dunkirk acct & I
am ab^t paying Sam^l bal^e my acct hence. being
uneasy at having you in advce for me w^ch ~~I suppose~~
I hope will not be the case hereafter & G Whippey's bill I
have in all advanced 156.6.8 Lin. w^ch I wish may
go to my Cr. w^th Ben. when ever the Mary's Voy. is settled
I hope no time will be lost in selling the Mary's Oil
yet I am not in want of the Mo. only it can be
applied in lead W^r in Europe have thro. Jav^a as much
as I have any occasion for & have no design to
enlarge my business

I am
3 mo 1. 1793

Jeffery & Russell

I wrote you the 9th inst. & sent
by G Barney £7.18.4. lost with me by Jer^h Austin which
which hope is placed to his credit.

My father has heard a report that the Seconet Farm
was for Sale at 7,000 Dollars including Stock & has discovered
discovered an inclination to purchase it if at a price that
the rent will pay an adequate interest — As that

price is considerably less than the terms you have proposed. I wish your consideration & early information of the lowest terms upon the following considerations half the Amo in a London Bill of Exchange at 5 p cent premium in hand, & the other half 12 months without interest — with a disount of the Interest if paid before the term —

I should be pleased to hear your conclusion by return of the Mail — with respect I am &c —

3 mo 1. 1793

James Sullivan

As I suppose the sup. Court is now sett'g. in Boston I hope a determination of the Cause Gordon vs Gardner will take place at this term — I solicit thy attention thereto & request that tedious process may not want thy aid for which I hold myself bound to make the compensation in behalf the plaintiff, which I shall attend to when I go to Boston I shall be much obliged by thy information how the matter rests & the probability of a speedy termination

with respect — I am &c

To John Hoyland

3 mo 1st 1793

From the pleas'g. Account I have rec'd from my father Wm. Roth of his acquaint. ance with thee since his residence in Europe, I have presumed, tho' unknown to request thy attention to a small Order by way of experiment for Sheffield Goods, for which purpose I now inclose my Bill in thy favour at 60 Days, upon my friends Tho's Dickason & Company London for fifty £ Sterg. — I shall be obliged by thy making up the order as near to directions as thou can comprehend my meanings varying from the prices which I do not suppose are

fully right, as thy own judgment may dictate — I wish thy attention in shipp.g as early as thou can with convenience either to Boston or any New England Port, if no conveyance nearer than New York or Philadelphia, please to cover dupliate invoice to my friends Edmund Prior New York or Saml. & Myers Fisher Philadelphia who will pass them thro' the Custom House if convenient please to pack them in tight white Oak Iron bound strong Casks which will by serving for Oil save any loss upon the Package — Should the Order exceed the Bill please reduce, & if it falls short please to make it up with such other articles as are made at your market suitable for this — particularly sail needles of best kind & files of your fabricks — I shall much obliged by thy information of your usual credits with discounts on prompt payment, also of what other Articles are manufactured in your neighbourhood particularly the price thou can ship Iron hoops, & if in the making this Article there are not many made refuse by being to short that would came at a reduced price which I apprehend would answer our market for cutting 3. 4. & 6 nails which have become a considerable Article of Manufacture in this county for which the length of the hoops are immaterial, be.g but warm transversely & headed cold. — Any observations thou may please to communicate relative to a future supply of these Articles will be greatfully received by thy respectful & sincere Friend. I am &c

I shall be pleased thou would give my love to our mutual fr.d Tho.s Colly who is a Friend for whom I have a great esteem

68 David Anthony 3mo. 2. 1793

Being informed by Jo. Austin that that thou has taken a Store convenient for the commission business, I have now Shipd by Philip Mosher 30 Boxes Spermaceti candles of very best quality & 6 cask Strain'd Oil as p Invoice inclosed, which hope thou will be able to sell at the prices charged, if not we must conform to the market & I would wish thee not to sell under the price R Jackson Junr may sell at — where thou thinks it may safe thou may give a 6cs fm 60 Days to 4 months — & I suppose fm this time until the 6th of 7mo I shall want no remittance unless a quantity say 30 or 40 Lhs Lime — on acct these Sales which may facilitate the Sales of them — I wish thee to keep me advised of thy progress in selling that I may keep the supplied through the season, if thou can sell a quantity of Strain'd Oil by the Ton at any time & give notice enough to ship it thou may depend upon 5 or 10 Tons to net me £28 p Ton which is 2/2⅔ p Gl. — or more if it will bear it.

I am, with respect, thine &c

Respected Friends
Brown Benson & Ives

New Bedford 3mo 2d 1793

Your esteemed favour of 23d nov came to hand in season, & I have since found myself Credited at the Branch Seventeen hundred & Eighteen Dollars Twenty Six Cents, and I suppose Head & Amory have also taken up one of my notes for One thousand Dollars, which will make the balance of my acct.

That note I was sorry was taken up by H & A as my frd Jas. Russel who endors'd it would have taken it up and sent it to me.

I shall be greatly obliged by your calling it out of their hands, and as I may probably be in Providence the 12th Inst. I will take it up and give you a rect therefor —

I have lately found that you have paid the freight of the Candles

shipd you by West which was not according to my expectation & it was certainly Wests duty to deliver them on board the ship instead of which contrary to his contract he delivered them at & J Rogers paid the freight upon 247 Boxes @ 4/2 £4.12.7 p which sum I shall repay you

With esteem I am your

To Josh Anthony & Son assurd Friend.

3 mo 1. 1793

I have wrote via New York the 8th ult. since which I am without any of your esteemed favrs

This serves to cover Invoice of 6 casks Strained Oil & Boxes excellent Sp candle which I hope will find a brisk sale as I conclude your Market must be nearly clear of them — I should have sent more Oil but from a fear the other may be yet on hand I do not know that more of that Article would sell if at a reduced price, & it is always with reluctance I send any but to your hands yet the price Capt. Bunker sold at is a good Sale & what we should be glad to dispose of ours at. say 3/3. if it could even net us 100 Dollars. we should think ourselves well off — as it is lower this way than heretofore —

I have been informed that somewhere in your neighbourhood there is a Rolling Mill for Rolling Copper Sheets for Ships Bottom — I shall be greatly obliged by your information if it can be well Rolled, as thin as 20 to 24 ounces the square foot, at what price for Cast. Rolling & Cutg. to equal sizes provided we deliver the Old Copper, & also if it can be speedily done — I shall be glad to send you more candles if you can find Sale for them —

Please to send me p Capt. Bunker, 1 Barrel of your best malt Beer & half a Barrel of best dried Peaches, with esteem

3 mo 5. 1793 I am &c

Joseph James

I find by my books thy Account stands open & balance in my favour £2 4 mo as p Sheth annexed which I wish thy examination & comparing with thy acct. & if thou

finds any omission please to note it if mine is right —
I shall be obliged by thy send[g] me by Capt Bunker 2 Clarkson Essays on Slavery & 2 his Impolicy of the Slave trade
100 Good Dutch Quills & good Writing paper to the Amount —
provided thou art still in the Stationary way. my love to
thy wife — & believe me. I am with respect — &c

4 mo. 17. 1792

To Jos Hussey

I have thine of yesterday. enquires
for my lowest terms for 200 boxes Candles on 29 ℔
Cr. it is too long ~~but~~. I think they ought to be
3/. upon those terms & I suppose W Gray will
also think. but least he may think otherwise
I will add that paying thy Cost & makes the
allowance of Interest upon 2/6. the two years
for not less than 2 or 300 boxes would be my
low terms & certainly. the lowest I would take
on any acct. I dont say I will take less than
3/. but yet leave thee to act as thou may
think best. the other propr. I think makes them
about 2/10½. observe thou art at liberty to lay out
for me — please give me the earliest notice
& the time they will be wanted — please to send
me by W Akin all the Duck no 2. 6. & 10 & no 7
thou has of mine or Capt Mayfield on hand.

4 mo 22. 1793 Jane

To Moses Levias

If thou can make it convenient
to take up thy Note it will now obliged me. as I am much in
want, I shall send it over to Newport & thou may find it
at my Mother Rodmans when thou art prepared for it.
where I shall be obliged by thy leaving the Amount —

Head Matter has been at a stand at Nantucket for some time but all is now sold that will be likely to go under £60 some of the people Shares have been sold at £55 I think there will be wanted & from the probability of scarsely any coming in next year. I cannot suppose it will come be £60 — I shall be glad of thy early information if thou shall wish my assistance in purchasg. for thee this year & how much as thy fr. M. Mc Kays wishes me to purchasing for him if I can do it without interfering with thee which neither himself nor myself would wish. with esteem I am

Thy Respected Fr.
Oliver Wales Esq.

4mo 15. 1793

My fr. E Pope Esq. has communicated to me the contents of thy 2 letters upon the subject of a part of the Head Matter brought in by my Brig. Mary. Francis Bunker Mr. late from Dunkirk, not being subject to duty the first of which led me to suppose thy construction of the Law would be favourable to my Ideas upon that subject provided it was clear the property of the Vessell was in France considered American, as that question I apprehended was answered to thy desired satisfaction, I was very much disappointed to find by thine dated March 7th. that it was thy opinion the Head Matter was subject to the duty — As the circumstances have been all justly stated to thee, I will not long trespass upon thy time — Yet cannot omit craving thy review of the subject with particular reference to the Head Matter when caught being absolutely the product of the American Fishery, which considering that American Produce, is always admitted Free, I cannot conceive any Landing the Head Matter in France could Change its circumstances, nor do I comprehend why the encouragement from the French Government should any more prejudice my claim to the privaledges of an American Ship, than the premiums offered by that Government upon

American Flour being importe, should prejudice those Ships who have transported that Article — And I conclude it would admit of no doubt, that after the Bounty has been rd. in France upon the importation of that Article if the Market should Prove overstocked I ~~over stocked~~ the Flour should be brought back again in the same Ship, that it would be admitted Free —

I have consulted the Gentlemen in the revenue department in Boston & others who are of the first Law Characters, upon a State of all the facts, who have uniformly concurred in sentiment with me: their opinions, I by no means would hold up to the Comptroller for his Guide, but mention them merely in support of my own. I do justify my troubling thee with the request of taking another thot upon the subject

But as I am clear thou can be governed by no selfish motive in this case, I cannot but apprehend the various engagements thou finds in thy important Office so occupie thy ~~thy~~ mind attention that the subject has but hastily passed thy mind, and that if thou finds reason for altering thy opinion, it will give thee pleasure to do it in favour of an individual, who might otherwise be a sufferer by the Community — The object in view I know is ever important, but I must confess that from the encouragment I supposed I could foresee by thy first letter, I have ordered out another Ship, in which I am Interested in exactly the same predicament —

To Thomas Dickason & Co. 3 mo 15. 1793

Since my last I have been favoured with yours of 8. Ult. & 22d to which I have paid due attention — I note your having paid £100. to my Brothers Order & my Father has also informed of his having or being about to draw a further sum of £134. therefor and: I should have drawn at this time but for the loss on Exchange being from 3 to 6 ℔ Cent below Par —

I am obliged by your attention to my fathers request of effecting the Insurance on the Mary, altho I should have thanked him if his prudence had only led him to half the sum — in that he differs much from his Son, but I must yield to his experience —

I am pleased to hear of the safe arrival of our friends at Milford Haven, but I think the period of their removal is very unfavourable, from the prospect of the commotions in Europe. —

On the first instant I drew Bill upon you at 60 Days in favour of John Hoyland of Sheffield for fifty Pounds when it appears I shall be obliged by your honouring it —

I shall be under necessity of drawing in course of 6 weeks what I have in your hands & perhaps to avail myself of the indulgence my father has offered of having no regard to what Benj. has drawn but I hope not to need it.

Your care in forwarding the inclosed to my father will greatly oblige me —

4 mo 22. 1793 Since the foregoing I am without any of your esteemed favours but am in daily expectation of Barnards arrival, as Scott has been in several days —

It will not be long before I shall draw from necessity

upon your, altho the Exchange I fear will be under par. I shall write by next post to P D J^r requesting him to find a Sale among the friends of the House — The consideration of the dismal State of Europe from our last accounts is very affect^g & particularly so that England should be so involved in it — the event must be very important & which time alone can unfold — Yours &c

4 mo 24. 1793

To Jo^s Hussey

By thine of the 20^th I am pleased to find thou has Bargained for the 200 Boxes candles as I like the person altho the C^e is to long but as I employ a large Capital in the Manufactory which I am determined to do so long as the busines is worth following & pursu^g thereby I can better give a C^e than some others. — I shall forward as early next week as a conveyance presents 124 Boxes & another 100 or more as soon as they can be made — we shall soon be in want of a Barrel Pot ashes which I request thou will send by the very first conveyance to this or Nantucket if damaged or condemned will do if thou dont find any other —

Please to say how much more than 1000 dollars I shall depend upon thee for by 15 of next month — I will thank thee also to say what London Exchange & to write me by next post which closes on 6^th day evng

To Jon^s Ingell & Brothers 4 mo 24. 1793 Same

I duly rec^d thine of the 20^th and can furnish thee with as good candage as I suppose can be made, having one of the first workmen in the State — Our present price

is 57/ last week in Boston it was 54/. I should like to have Bricks to the Amt. £100. in course the summer part of which I must have in two months & they must be of the best quality, your terms for which I should like to have soon — as the Price talked of heretofore at Taunton was so high. I had turned my attention another way (I expect soon to have it in my power to supply myself. Henshaw never mentioned to me any thing respecting this Matter — I have no Doubt — with esteem I am

Jeffry & Russell.

June 24.

As I have Exchange is rising & will I conceive be up to 5 p C. it is probable Brother R will be in Boston week after next & with him will be left the Determination respecting the Farm. in mean time I shall be obliged by y[r] infor[n]. if it will be agreable that I pay ab[t]. one half in hand & the other w[th] interest in two years or sooner if convenient.

I am

New Bedford 4m[o] 29th 1793

Capt. Elisha West

I am being Master of the Sloop Mayflower Armed and Chartered by myself and two brothers Thos. Hazard junr. & Thos. Rotch We have intrusted to thy Care a Valuable Cargo Amg. to about Seven thousand one hundred Dollars, and request that you would study to serve our interest in the best manner as the circumstances may allow — We first advise thy going to Trinidada & sell what thou can and thence to the Windward Islands & turn the property into money

of good Currency suitable for this market ~

It is our decided Orders, by no means to violate the Neutral Flag by taking on board any Warlike Stores or such as may be considered as contraband by the Laws of Nations. this we do not only enjoin upon Political Principles, but it is also contrary to our Religious principles to be aiding or assisting in promotion of War. We also enjoin thee to purchas on our accts no distilled Spirituous Liquors ~ We are very doubtful wether any Westindia produce will fetch the Cost & Charges. We therefore recommend thy taking none of those articles except it be necessary on acct of selling the whole Cargo ~ but we think any quantity of old Iron wrought or Cast & also Copper & Brass will do well ~ wishing thee a good Voyage safe & Speedy return we remain thy assured friends

I acknowledge the above orders
this 4th April 1793. at N. Bedford
Jos. Wm. Elisha West

to Thomas Dickason & Co. 5 mo 1. 1793

Added to Duplicate that in Page 73

I have now the pleasure of acknowledging the rect. of your esteemed favour dated 20th Febr. and also of offering you my thanks for having honoured any Bill for £300 in favr. Booth & Pratt & forwarding the succeeding numbers of the Spectators. These are eagerly read from the importance of the present crisis, wherein is portended a most violent exertion of Naval & Military Powers that ever visited the painful calamity of War.

I am more strongly confirmed by your letter of the impropriety of the present Period for me to begin a large importation & I now dispair of accomplishing it in several Years, if ever.

I do not wonder to hear my dear Father is in low Spirits, on the present distressing situation of Europe. Our anxiety will continue until we hear the remaining part of the family are safely across the Channell.

I am obliged by your having paid the drafts of my Father & Brother together £234.10.2 which shall now be placed to your credit.

Finding Exchange is rising I avail myself of my Brother & Rodmans going to Boston to Draw upon you in his favour of this Date for five hundred Fifty Pounds Stg. which I have requested his placing in the hands of some of your Friends, if he can do it without Material Loss — on its appearance I shall be obliged by your paying it due honour.

It is nearly 12 Months since I shipd Homberg Ten Tons Sperm Oil with Orders to remit the Proceeds to you, I have not heard from them a long time, within that I have by the last accounts unsold in France about 100 Tons, the fate of which concerns me a little, and I do not think the Speculation a very prudent one on my part, considering the convulsed State of that County.

Our Fishermen who have doubled Cape Horn have all proved very successful, & most of them have returned

Head Matter sells 55 to 60 & Oil £25. Whale £15

with respect I am your Obed Friend &c

I Answd. Letter this date see Page 31

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5mo 1st 1793

V. Homberg & Homberg Sons

After much anxiety on Act. of not having heard from you since your favour p Capt. Chase, I am much pleased by last post to receive p Capt. Prince, Your several favours of Ult. 28 March 1796 together with Invc. 93 Pc. Dutch Ships p the Minerva, Sales 50 Casks Oil p Grinnell & my Act. Current, for your attention to which I feel myself Obliged

That small Parcell of Oil sold unfortunately on Act. of the lowness of Exchange, but doubt not it was all could be done — Yours 16th March informs of the Sale of my last Shipment by Grinnell at the high nominal Price of 95 ₤ C. in which Sale I feel myself satisfied that it was for the best, for altho the Exchange is fallg. the approach of the warm season perhaps would occasion great Leakage in it — If goods comes out on good terms that may replace the money so far as they may Amot. to, I note your observation upon Shipg. Oil unstrained, I forgot to note to you that part my last nearly as was unstrained — but I assure you the objet at the common Price of Shipg. unstrained Oil is by no means an inducement to purchase, as we make all the advantage we look for particularly last year by straining, & from the Scarcity of Head Matter, for the benefit of our Manufactory of Spermaceti Candles, that if we cease to Strain we must cease to Ship, — However I hope you will hereafter be able to sell, as the unfortunate State of France must put an end to the Fishery —

Please to accept my thanks for your attention to my order for Goods, which hope you will be able to attain in season for Capt. Chase — As our only inducements in ordering Goods to save the ~~Exchange~~ Loss upon Exchange, we cannot send out our orders before we are certain of making a Shipment, but in future will endeavour to send them out more early —

I am much oblige'd by the encouragement you give me respectg. prest. for our new Ship, She will be of in the 9mo/Septembr

I hope we shall have a frt. of Oil ready for her to take to Havre. You will do me a futher favour by advising me early what the common frt. may be in the Shrot Trade with the Ports of Europe. She will be a Vessell of the first Quality of American Ships, please also say if the frt. may always be contracted to conform to the London Exchange.

I hope soon to recive account Sales 200 casks Oil of Grinnell & also the Bone of Prince. And notwithstanding the discouraging prospect of London Exchange, yet I see no way that I can avail myself of the benefit of that money but by having it remitted to London you will therefore please to remit all that may be due at the rect. of this to Ths. Dickason & Co. for my Act. in the course of the 9th mo September next. This mode I prefer to drawg. upon you payable in London, as the intercourse may be so obstructed or so apprehended on this side that it may make a considerable difference in the sale of my Bills.

I have long neglected to observe to you upon the constant discount you have made upon all my Sales of 3 p Cent from the Gro. Amo. as I have seldom drawn or rec. my remittance previous to the common length of time credit, is there noway of saving that sacrifice. I observed in one of your early letters, the purchaser chose to pay the money upon that discount, if so, the sale is then for prompt payment, & Why should we be charged 2 p Cent for risk of debts, it is a mode I have been quite unacquainted with, & am at a loss how to account for, but perhaps you may explain it to my satisfaction, the great sacrifice we suffer in the exchange, makes me wish to make what saving I can, consistant with the common usuage of Merchants.

I have not yet seen the Duck arrived by Prince of good quality I shall be pleased with the Shipment, but I wish it had been from Angers. I wish you could send me some of that Fabrick instead of some of the articles you have in view, but I leave you to judge, for my interest only observg. I shall calculate for 20.000

Livers to be remitted to London. which I hope you will be able to remit at not Less than 15 or better, in season to pay my bills in the said ninth month

I hope the 40 p.t Shot.g will be in before long as they are more wanted than any other Articles indeed if there should be any inconvenience in freight.g any or all the Articles it is not of moment for them to come in Less they should be purchased by the fall.g of the money it may be better to keep in those Articles to save the depriciation, unless for this cause it will agreable to have the whole remitted to London in which I crave your early information that I may profit by draw.g as my business may much demand it

to Tho.s Dickason & C.o

5 mo 6. 1793
added to Duplicate 5 mo 1

Craving your reference to the foreg.g Duplicate of my last respects, I have chiefly to ask another indulgence in addition to the many you have favoured me with,

By letters from Homberg & C.o I have I am just informed of the Sale of 40 Tons of Oil at 95 ℔. ℔ C.t as that property is metamorphosed into a very salable medium I have given directions to have most of it very speedily remitted to your care, on the best terms posible. supposing it the only way to save any part of it it is my directions to have it remitted in full season to meet the Bills I may draw payable in the 9.th mo next, I have therefore to crave your liberty to draw without wait.g to hear the money is actualy remitted, the Bills shall be placed in the hands of your Correspondents & if any thing shall intervene to prevent the execution of my Orders, I shall place great confidence in my dear Father that if he has money at command he will not suffer any injury or inconvenience to attend you by being in advance

However before I move in this Matter I shall consult your F.D Jun.r

I am &c

I shall be much obliged by by your information of the proba-

ble demand for the Ships of our Flag to Pt. in Europe & what are the usual freights & what may probably be calculated upon & if our Ships will be allowed to carry the Produce of the West India Islands to England as we shall want business for a fine Ship to be off next fall — with respect Remain &c —

Joseph Anthony & Son

5 mo 11. 1793

By reason of my absence from Town during the time of Capt. Bunkers being here, I was prevented acknowledging the rect. of your oblig. favour of 22 & 25th. March — I was pleased to find you had began the Sale of the Oil at a satisfactory Price, which I hope ere this is all run off. I have sent you. I should have sent you more if your encouragment was sufficient therefor, which I shall be glad hereafter to do if you think best — I wish also to send you more Candles if you see a Prospect of Sale —

I am ignorant who the persons are who have offered a contract to the Commissioners of the Revenue, for the supply of Oil, and you have not said whether they have succeeded — I duly received the Band Beer & it proves very fine, when you inform me the Price I will place it to your Credit —

I am much obliged by your information respecting the Rolling of Copper, the present change in European Politics will alter the Plan we had in view for our Ship & it's probable she will go to Europe when she can be better Coppered than here — Your favour of 29th April was handed me this day by Mr Yardly, & you have my thanks for having introduced him to my acquaintance it having been very acceptable & Pleasing & I have held myself ready to do him every service in my power

I beg your attention to a troublesome matter left in my charge for acct of my absent uncle F. Rotch. it is some Stocks as at post funded in Phila in the name of J. H. Frey came to my hands this Spring, I wish you by virtue of the inclosed power & substitution to receive the interest; if practicable to have the Stock transfer'd to the Commissioners Office in Boston that I may receive the interest there without troubling my friends, to shew my authority for this request I have inclosed you my power for selling the same. We shall be pleased you will return us this Stock coming so late to my hands, I found on applying to the Office that a quarter pay.t of int.t upon a note funded in Appletons Office has been returned unclaimed, consequently can be rec.d only in Phila. as my power is lodged in the Office at Boston I inclose you a Notarial Copy & the substitution is included with the other

I shall be obliged by your attention to this little busines & place the proceeds after your Comm.t to my C.

I am

3 Notes signed Jos Nource pay.e to Jn.o Fleming

			Dft Cent	
N.o 1969.	dated 18 Aug.t 1791.	- 99.7.		deferred
2206.	- - - d.o	- -	198.15	- 6 ℔ Cent
2380	- - - d.o	- -	199.28.	3 ℔ Cent

I send the Deferred altho perhaps unnecessary

℔ unclaimed interest on Note Sign.d Appleton

N.o 1697. for 4.925 Dall to Jn.o Fleming 3 ℔ Cent

Note the above Note for 4925 Dollars is left in Brown Bank. & a power to receive quarterly interest given to Peter Roe Dallon

Andrew Ritchie & Son 5mo 10. 1793

Out of avility out to your applicatio
for my bills after giving directions to my Brother Rodman
not to sell them but upon the terms he sold his own as
I was not in immediate want of money I requested him
to give you the refusal of them, if he could without incon-
venience — I was much disappointed by his information
that you insisted so much upon a claim to the Bills that
he could not act his own judgment. & the same hour sold
his own, several thousand pounds, cash in hand, at 4 p
cent with Security to pay one p cent more if bills on Londo
rose to 5 p c. in course of this month, & but for obliging you
mine would have sold at the same rate — Seeing thus you
that from a disposition to do you a kindness, I am disap-
ointed 1¾ p c. as I now find they are 5 p. I have no doubt but
you will readily comply to what your judgment must
make as the time of propriety. & of course will allow me
that addition — had it ban a clear sale, independent
of any particulay particular endeavours to obliged you
& ~~strenously~~ also of your strenously insisting upon the bill,
I should have nothing to say. but under the present cir-
-umstance I am clear ~~also~~ I should act as I conceive
you will do — with esteem I am

5mo 10. 1793

Benj. Tupper Junr

Rec'd thy letter too late to reply to last
~~week~~ post. & did not at that time see any prospect of send
-ing any Oil to thee in proper time but Wm Thin
appears we have put on Board to cash as p Invoice by all
we had ready, & he said last evening, that I hope he will be
in season — if not he has agreed to wait 8 days for thee to
find a market for it, to save the expence of the storage
should thou be obliged to store it. I wish thou could put

it into a Cellar, as it is the most waisty. kind of Oil — when my Brother Rodman was in Town He sold all the Bills that thatw had to sell for the present. he obtaind 4 ₰ C. with the promise of 5 ₰. if they should rise to that in this month — I now learn they are quick at 5 —

thow also has Invoice of 20 boxes Candles which with thee not to sell under 2/9 & 1/6 for Boxes on a Credit not to exceed 4 months — Previous to thy sending I had sent my Inv.ᵉ to Jᵒ Hussey. who has entered the Duck — I shall probably have more Oil soon — with respect Tam

to Hamburg & Jews 5 mo 11. 1793

Cray Jrs. to my last respects dat.ᵈ of w.ᶜʰ accompanies this I have chiefly to advise you that notwithstanding my request to you to remit the sum remaining to my C. to London. Yet now hear I that exchange was falling, & had already got to 12.ᵈ I wish you not to do it unless it can be done at or better than 15.ᵈ provided you can lay out the money immediately in such articles as you may think will do for this market. Aages. Duck or of the quality Shipᵈ me by Prince will do very well as also window Glass. Silks Lookg Glasses in frames. any quantity of the Coarse Ell wide Sheetings — Cambrick I wish you to avoid as they will not sell. I am like to do very well with the 93 ₰ Duck as all kinds of Duck have advanced in price, On the whole I must trust to your judgment respectg laying out the property in the best way you can to save the depreciation & Ship it as expedit as you can — Should American Ships be so employed in Europe as to render it inconvenient for our goods to be shipped to Boston

Rhode Island or this place, you are at liberty to ship them either to Jn Thomy & Son Phila or E Brion N York in all case you will please to communicate to me the state of my property as often as you can & also the prospect of future sale of Whale & Sperm Oil as also the prospect of your Arrivals, that I may be able to form a judgment respecting a Cargo for our new Ship

Jan —

P.S. Should my father or brother Benjamin think best to draw upon you for any of my property you will oblige me by honoring to their drafts

5 mo 13. 1793

Dear Edmund

I duly rec'd thine & Wilbur & am obliged by thy attention to my a/c - w'ch I shall adjust on my book, my neighbr J Howes requests thou would favour him w'h 30 l. p. Bark. he has 2 or 3 Vessels out on Whale Voy'. & says if they obt'n it it shall be paid - I know the prob'y is if they do not obtn com'n Oil it must be long before he will be able to pay — I believe his property sufficient to make the debt safe but he is extending his business beyond what I think consistent with his Capital - if Thou had the Bark on hand & it is not agreeable to Capt Smith & Thou wishes to encourage the sale to him he will not think amiss to pay int'n upon it from the date of Invoice, there will be no prospect of his paying with ease before fall - Thou may rely upon my watchfulness to save it as soon as his Oil comes in

I closed the sale of thy former Bark at 13 dollars

Jan —

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5 mo 1. 1793

To Sam[l] Enderby & Sons

I have just rec[d] your returns per ship of 26 Feb. in answer to which I can only say that last y[r] the price of Linseed was from 4/6 to 5/. & as near the close of the season 6/. was given, & from those prices I understand the prospect is prompting by an[a] from Ireland of making a good remittance, if so from the general advance on most articles of produce in consequence of the European War it may be expected to be as high or higher next fall —

There is very little probability of Ship[g] it before the 12 mo. as the Country traders who collect it hold it as late as possible in hopes of advancing the price

Should you find it for your interest to order a Cargo & give me your limits I will use my endeavours to serve you therein

I am

Epcha. on London, 140 — it has is like soon to be for some time been under par

5 m 15. 1793

To Henry Tapper

Your of 13 is before me & shall be well pleased with thy selling the Candles at 2/8 Cash in hand, as my wants for that article are like to be many — please to say when they are sold, & for Credit hold them at 2/9 when I send thee some more. w[ch] will probably be next week — please keep me advised of the price of Tar & pitch as I expect to grand. & for a short time & intend sending thee some. I dont think the price of Oil will be lower it is rising at Nantz they hold Sperm at £27 —

I am

to Jos Rupley 5 mo 18. 1793

By Capt Howland I sent 20 boxes Can Dy & hinted to send thee more by next conveyance —

I hope thou reached thee in season for Mr Gray, at wch will be long before pay^t will be due on thos Candles will it not be best to take a note to me for the N^t p^d. & owe to Mr Gray for the Cont^s as the matter may then be closed & if wish^d when & the amo becomes due thou may be applied to if needful — if thou approves this proposal plan I shall be obliged by thy taking 3 notes 20/1000 Dol^s ea. & the other for the balance as it may be useful to me in those divisions

I shall want here by middle of next mo. 15 or 20 m. good well burnt bricks for the outside of my Sattery House of the size of Mistick, as they are now high, if thou thinks I can get them on better terms next month I can wait without inconvenience but if thou thinks not plan to purchase me about that quan^y provided thou can Ship them at not more than 5/ ₰ 1000 fr^t Capt Howland will bring them at that if board here & not full — Please send me a hhd good Molasses I see it quoted 2/ to 2/3 also a qu^r Cask best Lisbon Wine genuine not having passed the hands of a Wine Manufacturer. I see it quoted 5/6 —

suppose thou has invoice of the 20 boxes Candles which hope will meet a speedy sale but I expect the demand will be greater than the supply

I am

Jethro Mitchell & Sons 5 mo 25. 1793

I duly rec^d your favour & have made due Application for the Oil both times before with a view of purchasing part on my own Act^t but found the Owners cautious of saying any thing upon the subject. & I now find some of them have a view of Straining it themselves or keeping it till next year from an exaggerated expectation of an enormous

88 price, from the present interruption to the Fishery the European War — I think there is no room for you to calculate upon it — I shall be pleased to serve your interest where ever I can, I am &c

5mo 20. 1793

To Capt. Obed Freeman

Since Capt. Delano returnd I have used my endeavours to procure a Vessell to send to thee to Load, but have not succeeded until now, I have agreed with Capt. Bordon to bring a Load of Merchantable Boards & as his Vessell is small his brother Parker Bordon who goes in a Larger Vessel engages to bring 5 or 6 thousand feet of the Plank Stocks. — I have made up an Invoice of such Articles as I can command at this time, but as Provisions have very much advanced I have sent less than I should have done, Corn is very quick at 4/6. & Flour 45/. Pork 15 Dol. in New York (Prime or one Hog to the barrel) — I apprehend that the War will make much less demand for Lumber for the English Vessels than heretofore, & that it must fall, indeed Boards in Boston have already fallen from 10. to 8 dollars — I must depend upon thy procuring Joist for my fathers House, Spruce or perhaps Hemlock & I hope they will now come at 5 Doll. or less, but thou must procure them 4 Inches Square, I know not how much it will take but I conclude 3 or 4 Thousand feet —

I also want 2 thousand feet of 1½ Inch Spruce Boards for partitions 2½ or 22 feet Long — The dimentions for the Ships Spars I expect to send thee which I wish to have of the best kind, I shall not want them yet —

The Susa has cand her 2d. fr. to Philadelphia & I expect is now in Carolina Loading for this place, that she may be looked for in two or three weeks, when she comes I shall send her down as soon as possible, as we expect the Brig. Polly in the same time, I shall conclude we shall send her also —

Thy Brother I Freeman I believe is doing thy farming business & will probably go in the Susa —

We shall want a considerable quantity of Lumber Clear Boards but they may be retained

for our own Vessels only let them be stocked up — If thou can make any easy terms with Borden to fr. some Spars by him such as Ships topmasts & yards I should like a parcel of them —

Good Fish are now 2 ₰ in Boston any quanty thou can exchange thy goods for will be a good Article as I think they must rise —

If thou can get 15m of very best kind of Shingles for my Fathers House, I like it, but they must be better than any we have ever had fm Frenchmans Bay — Do write me what other Articles thou will want that I may send it down by the Susa 28th. Since writing the forego. Borden deceived me I would not go comply with his contract, as I conclude thou must be uneasy at not hearg. fm me, I have engaged Jo. Delano to take some Articles down to thee, that thou may not be out of pasture — he is to take a Load of Mch. Boards, I leave to thee & him to agree about the small Lumber — it would suit me well if thou could sell him some Shingles & Laths to pay the fr. of the Boards, as our Vessels will brg. as many of those Articles as we sh. want

Any of the Spars left by Cottle that will do for our Ships please to keep & procure the others of the best kind —

If Delano can take any of the plank Stocks I wish thee to send them — have some clear Joist ready for our Vessels I mean for Window frames — with respect I am

the boards by Delano fell short between 4 & 5 ₰ Cent fm thy Act. — Some Meatg. Boards will be wanted.

5 month 23: 1793

To Joseph Shebaud

Thy fav. 1st inst. I duly rec. and note thy observation upon the Ships Act. — it was not my intention to Charge unto a commission upon the Dauphins damages, neither does it appear that I have by my Books, & I suppose the Act. were conformable thereto

I find the whole Amt. £753. 4. 7. ₰ Comn. on £683. 3. 7. only 5 ₰ Cent Leave £70. 1. — As to the Comn. upon the several sums rec. fm Nantucket it was my intention to charge as I did fm a conviction the Owners would not desire of me to do the business of those Vessels

go for £28.13.8 to which sum only would the com. amt. to
without the addition of those Articles — the trouble and
perplexity of a Whaling outfit is far more than imp[illegible]
procuring & shipg a Cargo that would afford four times that whole
com. & it would only be to oblige my particular friend that
I should be willing to undertake the like again even at 5 p Cent —
I sure I am I never had half the perplexity in any business that
gave a com. of £42.10.8 the amt. of the whole — as I had in these
three outfits — however I had rather give up the difference or
even the whole sum than to be supposed unreasonable in a trans-
-action of this kind — & I shall leave the whole matter to thy
determination — I find several other Bills since I closed
the Act. more than the 6. I shall have — as the Dauphins old
Long Boat has proved worthless nothing I will never swim again.
I have rec. 13 1/2 dollars of Cap. Shiffields Wife & plan it to
thy Cr. — I am indebted to Nath. Clark & Son of New York
43 68 cents which I shall be obliged by thy pay. & placing to my
Acct. — I have lately rec. a letter fm Capt. L'Allement
fm St. Jago. Cape de Verd dat. 8th Jany. all well —
with much esteem I am &c
Patrick Jeffery
6 mo 10. 1793

At my return from New Port I found
thy obliging favour of covering a deed of the Secret Farm
with the power fm thy Wife. all which shall be held for thy
Order or returnd, until our several doubts are removed.
I think I have the decided Opinion of Sullivan & Champ.
that a Power fm a Wife to a Husband is of no avail — as to the
right of dower only. this would not concern me in the present
case. and our Fr. J Russell informed me that the Fee of the
premises in question was invested in thee by conveyance to
him & fm him to thee Unless those are upon the Records of
Little Compton, they can be of no validity against the claims
fm another quarter, & if I did not misunderstand JR he told me
he would send me those deeds that they might be duly e

recorded. I shall be obliged by thy attention to these deeds. that I may be possesd of them, as I wish the conclusion or rather termination of the business, having made full Provision for the last payments now in the Bank — with respect I esteem I am &c

6 mo 10. 1793

Jo. Hussey

I am pleased by thy last that thou hast sold all the candles. by John Crowell who sails in course of this week thou will receive about 100 Boxes more — the Sugar came to hand I will serve Thos. J self. that thou need not buy any more I hope thou will not fail send me a Quarter ca Lisbon Wine very soon bo. almost out I in expectation of Company. please inform me how thou can ship the bricks. with respect I esteem I am

6 mo 28. 1793

To Joseph Hussey

Thine of the 17th I found on my return from Newport. I note thou has sent me a ca Wine amo which is to thy Credit. I am pleasd with thy Prospect of the sale of the Kettle — I calculated by figures to hold upwards of 145 Gal. the dimentions are 47 Inches Top 30 In bottom & 30. in Dep. inside it cost £13.1.6 Stg. in London the fr. I duty to be added — I dont know what to say will be the lowest price. it is of no use to me I should think myself fortunate in selling it at the cost, I if that will not do must leave the to act thy judgment.

If thou cant procure bricks under 24. I must give it but its very high. I wish thee to send me 20 Thousand of very good quality as I want them well burnt for outside work. — I have had them fr. for 5 £ m but must leave thee to engage as well as thou can, but wish thee to fix it. Henry Tuckers Sloop by whom thou sent the Dutch. I should like will should bring them — with respect I am. thine &c

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To Benj.n Williams 6mo 20.

It is some time since Rec.d thy letter propos.g to supply me with bricks a 22/ that price I have considered to high, as the price of new Bricks is in Boston 4/ lower than the Old were sold at. I conclude the same discount will also be made with you. I have a prospect of having them a 20/ but as we have treated upon the subject, I prefer applyg to thee, that if I can have thy answer before, I receive it I.m another quarter thou shall have the preference. I shall want I.m 40 to 60 thousand I shall want first by the middle of next month

with respect I esteem I am

To Pa. Jeffrey 6mo 27.th "

Thy obliging favour of 25.th I duly rec.d and am well satisfied with thy Proposal of send.g me those deeds, which convey I enter the fee of the Farm in thee, with thy Deed thereof, in the manner thou mentions, relinquish.g by thy Power the right of Dower — I now inclose thee my Check No.72 for 4000 Dollars upon the Branch Bank, I also one for Six hundred (No.73) for the Stock I took I for the remain.g ~~part~~ 350 Dollars I will in due time forwa.d my Note, in one Sum or more if thou direct it —

As soon as thou can accomplish the deed I shall be glad to have them all sent that they may go to the Recorder — As I expect to be at Nantucket next week it is not probable I shall be able to acknowledge the rec.d of the deed before the week following. with respect I esteem I am

To Andrew Ritchie & Sons 7mo. 11.

I am requested by our mutual Fr.d Barstow to inform you our Price for Cordage. We have sold none of late under 66/ and at that price are indifferent about selling. I.m the advancing Price of Hemp —

If you will send us good Hemp in one or two mo. we will del.r the same n.t of very good Cordage at 4/ 6.d immediately — I reserve the subject of Exchange until I have the pleasure of see.g you. I am &c

To Capt. Obed Freeman 1793 7 mo 12. 93

By Jo. Delano Recd. thy letter, I wish I could have sent the a Sysell before this, which I should have done but by many disappointments — the Susa has just arriv & will as soon as we can have a mainsail made go either to Boston to land some tar first or directly to thee. Thy Brother Thomas goes in her. I wish thee to help the two Delano's to a freight if thou can without interfering with the Susa. let them bring as many the stocks as they can — I reserve the clear Boards for the Susa. Wages are so high & men so hard to obtain that I have not been able to persuade Thomas to take thee Sloop in the Usual way, but thou & I can agree upon the fr. if thou chuses to take the Sloop hereafter we will put all together this fr. & the others — I mean for thee to have her all this season — the Ships Spars I want to come in the in the Sloop with Plank Stocks ordered for the smallest Ship the others may rest until next time — I wish thee to get the frame for for B Mosher. to come without interfering with our Spars Spear Boards will be low as they are like to be plenty at Market — with respect I am &c

To Sam. Eliot

7 mo 12

Above is the bill of the two barrels of the our best strained Oil which I hope will prove to thy satisfaction altho they have been long in preparation with respect & esteem thy friend Sam & Co

To Patrick Jeffery

7 mo 13.

Thy obliging favour of 9th came safe to hand with the several deeds conveying the Seconet Farm to my father: which I do not discover but they are perfectly clear — I now inclose thee my note of hand for the remaing sum of three thousand five hundred Dollars which is in full for for Said Farm. it is ~~probable~~ probably I may wish to pay

the note before the time concluded upon. which I hope will be agreable — Should I discover any thing pertaining necessary respecting the conveyance I shall acquaint thee thereof — a Bill of sale of the Stock & Tools I suppose may be best. unless thou thinks thy letter sufficient —

The first deed I now return / as I conclude it is best for the Power to be recorded with the deeds I think to send them together. & the whole shall be afterwards returned. except thy deed of Sale — with respect I am &c —

Respected friend
Sam[l] Paddleford

7 mo 15. 1793

My brother requested me to settle with thee for the plank at 27 Dollars the price thou offered me as he was unwilling thou should be to great a sufferer seeing thou had the plank shipped in good season —

By Benj[a] Williams I now send thee 56/5. being the balance as below. I am —

7 mo 15

To Joseph & Anthony & Son. / of Rob[t] Crane
Being absent from Town

while Captain Bunker was last here. I could not reply to your esteemed favour of 28[th] May. — I am much obliged by your attention to the Securities which when completed should be pleased with the information — I am well satisfied with your Sale of the Oil. — I expect by Capt. Bunker's Act. you have run off all my Candles. which induces me to send you 30 boxes more by Capt. Crane & Invoice inclosed. I hope to have a few more ready for Capt. Bunker to take which will probably be all I shall have this Season. We have a small Brig[t] of about 70 Tons, Thomas Cattle Master which will probly go to your Port to seek business

Your Assistance to the Capt. and also in endeavouring thus seasonably to procure a freight in time if convenient, will greatly oblige myself & Brothers — we must leave to the Capt. on consulting you, which way he will go — he may be on week after next

with respect & esteem I am &c

To Joseph & Anthony & Son 7 mo 15.
(p Capt Bunker)

Craving reference to my letter of by Capt Greene of this date, this serves to inclose you Inv. of 58 boxes Candles more p Capt Bunker which hope will find a speedy Sale — I shall be much obliged by your sending me by Capt Bunker 1 Ton Bar Iron and about 400 feet, two inch Yellow Pine Plank 6 or 12 inches wide, as long as can be had, it being to make out a Waist for a Ship we have building, I shold wish them to be 60 feet in length or more, if to be procured

Please also send me half a Barrels of Masseys brackets,

with respect & esteem I am thy Frd &c

To Andrew Ritchie & Son 7 mo 17.
(p Post)

I duly rec. your favour, & wish I could with safety supply you with Cordage but since my former letter, finding I cant buy Hemp in Boston under £66 discourages my attempting at present to propose a price as I had rather keep the Cordage than to sell at a price that will not replace the Hemp — I shall still be pleased to supply in exchange for Hemp at 4/ I will furnish it of best quality — with I am respectfully

To N Ritchie & Son. 7 mo 22

Since my last I have further consid^d the subject of y^r letter, & have some more prop. to make.

If you will purchase for my act. the qu^y of hemp you want in Cord^e free of Comm^n & pay the fr^t. here I will furnish best Cord^e of yarns now on hand at same price. This I appr^d will be as well or better for you than to ship the rigging from Boston, as much saving is made by the rigger having it in his power to take just such Cord^e as he wants

It is not our practice thus to exch. but having a large Stock of yarns & little Hemp we are willing barely to keep our hands employed ——— Jam^a

7 mo 22^nd

To Joseph & Anthony & Son

In addition to the few Articles I requested you to Ship by Bunker I wish you to ship by him if possible if not via Nantucket or the earliest conveyance a complete set of Rudder Iron moulds for a Ship of 270 Tons — I fear if defer'd until Bunkers next trip they will not be in season. — with respect Jam^a

about 2000 ba^l Wh Oil have arrived here & at Nantucket last week

Duplicate forwarded

please subscribe for me for the Encyclopedia & forw^d me the Volumes already published & the others in succession ——

W R

Respectd friend
Jos Hussey

7 mo 24

Thine of 16. is before me & I am obliged by thy attention to the request I made. Inclosed By Stoddard I have the remainy bricks, when thou sends me a bill of them I will credit thy amo.

Should any prospect open for purchasing hemp on lower terms. I crave thy attention to inform me as also on the prospect of the rise of Tay.

I hope thou will be able to sell the Kettle, perhaps some deduction even from the cost may induce him unless thou sees a prospect of doing better

I am pleased to hear thou has sold all the Candles, my last for this year am now gone by Wm Allen 45 boxes per Lord invoice which hope will command an early sale.

When thou does will be in Cash for my Acct: please to inform me. that I may govern myself. thy Acct. Sales will give me the knowledge I want - in this dull State of business I hope thou will keep a watchful Eye over thos from whom money will be due -

please to send me 400 ℔ good Cum

if pr 25/ to 30

8 mo 2.

To Brothers De Bauque. I duly rec'd your favours of 10th & 12th April & sincerely lament that the Calamity of War has so unfortunately entered upon your Country, and also from the cause thereof. You find it necessary to order your Vessels out their course - I shall be pleased to have it in my power to render you any service, & you may depend upon my utmost attention to your directions & to your interest. Should any of your Ships arrive here -

The Dunkirk Capt Hawes arrived here this Day with a

full Ship. he had been as far as 20 west Lon. near soundings. when he spoke an American Ship that had in sight of him been bro.t too by an English Privateer who was then pursueing some other Vessels. & the Fog setting in helped his escape. — he immediately put away for this place. — Capt. Hawes left Micajah Gardner about 28th 3mo. who with Capt. John Hawes was bound over to the east shore, with 6 or 700 Barrels

with respect & esteem I remain &c

To Jesse Putnam 8mo 5.

I did not receive thine in season for this days Stage — presuming upon thy recommendation of the quality of the 6 Tons hemp.r. I am willing to take it upon the terms thou proposes. providing thou will ship it by a Capt. Noah Stoddard or a Sch.r of this place now in Boston — I shall be obliged by thy contracting for the p.r as low as thou can. I have generally given fm 18.l to 22.l the first its probable he will bring it for — the payment shall be made at the time — I wish the quantity not to exceed 6 tons. unless a few hundred to dispose thy sales — please inform thy determination by Henshaw return — I am

8mo 16

To Joseph Anthony & Son

By Capt. Bunker was handed me your esteemed favours of 26th ult.o & 1st inst the former returned the Certificates with the Transfering Orders. & for your Attention thereto. I am greatly obliged. I desire you will Cr. my account with the expenses & your comm.s for negotiation. the Sum of 8.l 7.s 3 I place to your debit for the interest you have rec.d —

The Sales of the Oil & Candles 4mo.l 7 to 522. 8. 6 & 119. 10. 7 are very much to my satisfaction. and I regret that I had not reserved a quantity of Strained Oil that I sold in Boston for your Market. at present I have none of the kind you prefer. if you can sell of the common kind Strained at this season we shall have some on hand by the next time Bunker goes — I am much obliged by your attention relative to the Plank. Your pres

not now procure them as we must make up the deficiencies with Oak. The Rudder Irons hope you will be able to procure for Bunker as we shall want them much by his return.—

From the discouraging Act. of the employment of Vessels from your Port we have altered our plan, & do not send our Brig in the Merchant service, for your attention to that subject please accept my thanks as also for the 6 Melons which came to hand in fine Order.— I am pleased to hear of so seasonable a sale of the 30 Boxes Candles by Greene, I hope the remainder will find as good a Market.— By Bunker Invoice of Iron &c Amo. £33.9.11 which I place to your Credit.—

As my Sister Sarah Rodman has accompanied our newly married sister H. Fisher to Philadelphia its probable my wife may avail her self of the opportunity of procuring some Articles in your City in which case I have requested her to apply to you for what sum of Money she may want, and I shall be additionally obliged by your paying her for my Account what she may call for.— With much respect & Esteem I am

P.S. Please to Ship me 1 Ton Iron more by Bunker

8 mo 15.

To Edmund Prior

It was my wish to have taken time to write upon several subjects which I must omit but hope yet to give thee Sales of One Barrel Pork which should have been forwarded long time since. the latter Barrel is Sold except 6 lb. on Shore 6 lb. & I have a prospect of selling the other in a short time.— I have no Candles on hand to Ship thee having closed the Sales of our last Shipment.

We have a small Brig Laban Coffin Master bound round the Cape of Good Hope on a Sperm Voyage, & We apprehend that from the circumstance of the War, & by the crop of Grain being cut off at the Cape, that Provisions may be much wanted at the Island of St. Helena & Cape of Good Hope. this has determined my Brother & myself to fill up the Brig with Bread & Flour & the quality of the former after completing her Stores which we suppose will amount to near 400 Bbls. the proportions of Flour & Bread. & the quality of the latter we leave to Capt. Coffins determination after consulting thee, thy advice to him in every needful circumstance & Assistance

100 in procuring the 1793 Stores & Cargo will greatly oblige me — Toward thy advances I inclose thee my draft upon Jo.s Anthony & Son for six hundred Dollars, my Brother in law Thos. Hazard Junr.s Bill on Thurston & Franklin for Four hund.d & Forty One Dollars, & 10 Gunty Thos. Rotch's upon Joshua Gilpin for Three hundred Dollars — When thou will forward me Copy of the Invoices I will attend to remitting the amt. —

Capt. Coffin will have a list of the Stores he will want

with much respect I esteem I am &c

To Jo.s Anthony & Son 8 mo. 17.

Being about to load a small Vessell at New York. I am under necessity of craving your Assistance in the Payment of my drafts in favr. Edmund Prior for six hundred Dollars at 30 days sight &. By Capt. Bunker who sailed the 15.th I wrote last to you. to which I refer. and am with much esteem

Yours &c

Capt.r Laban Coffin 8 mo 15. 1793

Thou being master of our Brig.t Polly we recommend thy going to New York to take in thy necessary Stores for a Voyage in quest of Skins to the South Sea a list of which we herewith hand thee. And as the necessary Stores will leave the Vessel but partly Loaded we have concluded to fill her up at New York with as much Bread & Flour, as she can take for our acct for which we will allow the Voyage at the rate of Nine Shillings £ mo p.r barrel freight to be divided amongst the Crew in the same manner as the Skins &c she may take Our friend Edmund Prior of New York will furnish the Stores & Cargo, we wish thee to send as few as thou can which Article will do best we apprehend in the proportion of 300 barls Flour & 100 barls bread perhaps thy enquiry may inform thee of what quality the Bread will do best. we recommend expedition in geting to sea and advise thy stoping by all means at St Helena if possible unless thou finds by speaking with some Vessel that the Cargo will answer best at the cape of good hope

wherever thou sells we recommend thy taking the best advice relative to the drawers of Bills of Exchange & take bills on London or if on Amsterdam have them payable in London pay also attention to the course of Exchange as I expect Bills on London at St Helena or the Cape will be under par at 30 days Sight take four bills to each set of exchange & inclose two of them by different conveyances to our friends Thos Dickason & Co London endorsing the bills to them to be placed to the accot of Wm Rotch Junr writing them at each time & send one of the bills of each Set to us from the Cape - & keep one bill with thee. we leave thee to do as thou thinks best respecting the sale of the Skins in any port or place where thou may think most for the general interest thy enquiries will perhaps inform thee at the Cape, if they will not sell well at either India Madras or Calcutta where I observe in the history of the commerce of that Country furs are a considerable article, we advise thy care of the fur seal Skins to salt them in Casks in the best manner as we suppose them of the best quality by Capt Smiths account — the large Sea Lion Skins are valuable hides dried, remember Capt Barnes caution to scrape the Skins while drying every day where there is any appearance of Oil, as it will take off the hair. we recommend thy geting a Sea letter from the Office at New York and pay particular attention not to take onboard thy Vessel any article that will violate the neutral flag, and that thou pay particular attention that no person under thy Orders commit any outrage or in any way infringe upon the just rights of ~~any~~ the Natives of any country where thou may go, there being no Salt at the Cape of Good Hope we wish thee to reserve sufficient room in the Vessel when thou takes in the freight at New York to hold what thou may want for the Voyage & stop at the

Cape de Verd Islands

Cape De Verds and get it. Should thou dispose of the skins at any of the markets mentioned above we recommend thy taking a freight for some port of this country or where thou Judge most advantagous for the general interest of the concern

Laban Coffin—

Respected Friend 8mo 22

Laban Coffin Should thou find a market for the skins at the Cape of good Hope or any where in that country & think it best to go back to the Island and get another load those hands who have sold parts of their Shares or Earnings in said Brig may think that they are doing too much for what they have had for the parts sold may decline going & thereby injure the Voyage we thought it best to request thee to assure them in our names that perfect Justice shall be done them and no undue advantage taken

WH Jr
JR

8mo 29

To Brothers Debauque

I have the pleasure of announcing to you the safe arival at this port on the 18th of the Judith Capt Ray. last from woodwich Bay. which place they left the 9th of 6mo when Capt Fleming from Liverpool in a letter of Marque had captured the Hebe Capt A Gardner with 1100 Bls Wh Oil. Capt Ray Cut his Cables & Run of after having been boarded by Fleming. the Dunkirk Capt Hawes is also here. & the Capt Churchill is arrived at this Port with 600 Bls. Capt Ray has landed his Oil which proves 99 Tons 97,000 & Some he is now industriously employed in effecting a settlement with the Crew. who are extremely averse to paying their Dunkirk debts. part of which for prudential reasons we have thought best to leave unpaid. as they would not have enough

due to clothe them & put them in a way to find other business by my advice he has estimated the Oil at £16 Sno & the Bone at 8 the cash price here —

I shall advance Capt. Ray what money he may want for his disbursements & payment of his hands & take his bill upon Alex & Benj. Champion London agreable to your direction for the amt. — Doubtless we shall soon receive your Order for the disposal of the Oil & Bone, & I would suggest to you what appears to me the best for your interest that is for me actually to purchase the Oil & Bone, & the prices noted before and upon say six months credit which I will ship to Europe on my own Acct. agreeing to deliver it to your Order, at a price that shall actually comprehend the first cost & charges of frt. &c provided you will indemnify me from any loss, or rather insure the Property, — or that I shall insure the property, you paying the premium — I need not be more prolix, as you will comprehend my full meaning & I wish your early acknowledgment of the rect. of this & also with my initials, & also of a duplicate both of which will go by an American Ship — Freights are now in Boston 9 £ Ster. ₩ Ton. to Europe, much higher to the southward have been given — but on the rect. of your Order I will advise Capt. Ray, as may appear best for your interest, without fail

To Thomas Russell

9 mo 2.

Last evening arrived here the sloop Mayflower Capt. Eli West. from Gonaives & St. Marks who has on board 10 Hhds. Clayed Sugar 183 bags Coffee 11 bales Cotton & 28 Tierces Coffee Shipped on board by St. Maury & Bourbent of St. Marks in security of 2485 £ Stg. 8.3 upon a usual contract signed by them & the Manwar who calls himself thy Agent, the principle of the contract are that if thou will agree to his agency & acknowledge the agreement he has made of paying that sum in ten days after its delivery in Boston, together with five do. ₩ every thousand Net pounds at the custom House Scales, for the freight, the whole is to be by thy

order sent round to Boston — In addition to the above cargo Capt West had on sum contract 31 bags coffee & 37 bale cotton but having been interrupted on the passage & carried into new Providence the season was so far spent & this Vessell so deep, he did not think it prudent to risk any on deck & after the necessary protests these articles for New York where they will be delivered to my order or re-shipped to the port of Boston — I am sorry to find that the Agent Peter Manwor & Capt West have disagreed on some points & are quite at variance but I do not discover but Capt West has Conducted justifyably & regularly consistant with his contract & think I believe he will be able to satisfy them in, both this Vessell & her particular cargo is my property & it is my wish that every transaction may be consistant & equitable — they information & direction upon this business will much oblige the friend &c with respect I am &c

9 mo 4 —

To Andrew Richie & Son

I duly rec'd your favour of 30th ult. with agreements for the contract we made for the Ships bottom, which I have signed with a little alteration merely to remind that if the payment should be delayed until the last delivery of the Cables &c, it will bring it into a season in which we have but little passing to Boston & my plan of having it to Spin at that season or time may be frustrated — I conclude with from my conversation with Hammond that you understood that the price 18£ for fitting the Rigging & putting it on & rigging the Ship complete which was not my meaning I have given Russell £22.10 for preparing it only — Hammond says he would have fitted the Rigg. for £16 but cannot complete the Ship for less than £24 & do not see any other person that can do it at this time, but will be upon the enquiry, & request your instructions as early as may be

not sent

I feel myself particularly obliged by your very friendly Assistance to Capt. West who arrived hereon the ev of the 1st & handed me your esteemed favour of 10th Ult. Capt. Wes detention was not unexpected, altho. I conceive so wanton & illigal & that it is quite justifyable to apply for redress for wh damages we have sustained which we shall assertain as soon as may be. I am if it proves an object deserving recompe I crave your indulgence to transmit through your hand to the Agent our demands, which I doubt not he will see the propriety of refunding.— It is our determination to prese inviolably the Neutral Flag & we shall also be forw in contend for its protection.— It is many Years since our family und the firm of Wm Rotch & Sons of which I was a partner Shipped to John Baldwin twenty Boxes of Spermaceti candles of which no Sales has yet been rendered but we have repeatedly heard th proceeds were ready.— I understand his widow yet remains in New Providence, I shall be obliged by your undertaking presenting the inclosed Order & if the money be Paid send it by the bearer by Richd. Taber after deducting your commission as I know not t to whom the Application should be made, request you will add it. when you find on whom the Order should be drawn.— Your friendly attention to Capt. Taber will greatly oblige him & Owners as well as myself.— Should you obtain the payment & Capt. Taber should return here if in season please to send me a few doz pine Apples, for my own & friends use with respe

to Joseph Anthony & Son 9 mo 6. I am &c the Frie

I am now favoured with your esteemed favours of 19th 29th & 31st Ults. to all which I pay due notice.— the Nett proc Sales 30 boxes candles & Grease Amo £140.15.5 is placed to your debit. by Bunker I have your Bi Bar & Rudder Irons amo 46.13.9 which also pass to your d

I am much pleased in finding by your last favour that

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the Invoice of wine & brandy shipped by my Uncle has arrived. the quality of it I am quite ignorant of, it being a remittance to realize the assignants. I shall be glad to hear your prospect of sale after find[g] the quality & must also leave the selling or keep[g] it for a ~~later~~ future Market, unless you are ascertained that it will do better at New York, in which case I should like to have part of it reshipped to my friend Ed[d] Prior. my Uncle writes me the Wine cost £11.-.- Sterling ₰ Pipe of 60 Gallons as there may not be any hast for the remitts I wish the best time for sale may be waited for. In my letter of 8[th] Mo[th] I advised of my draft upon you in favour E Prior for 600 dollars at 30 days sight. which I will prove agreable

I am much obliged by friendly assurance of attention to my request in favour of my Sister Gladman

I wrote some time since requesting you would subscribe for me for the Encyclopedia & forward the Volums now published. Your attention thereto will still add to the obligations of Your respectful Friend. I am &c

9 mo 7.

To Gibbs & Channing

(concluded in contra)

Yesterday I rec[d] your favour of 30[th] Mo[th] I note the contents. It is not in my power to furnish the bill you desire, but should be glad to know your terms for a few tons hemp. I am in expectation of a Vessel with Whale Oil in all this month, it is my present intention to ship it to Amsterdam, in our new Ship perhaps to be ready in all next month, that Market I conclude the best we can go to with Oil. Should our present plan succeed for that Ship we shall be glad to have the Coffee & Sugar & perhaps some Oil.

Isaac Howland has a Brig[t] here near ready for Loading for Amsterdam, who can take 20 tons. they ask 90/ ₰ T. which is the p[r] in Boston. any service I can render you in this business you will please command me. I shall be obliged by your judgment of the probability of purchasing 12,000 bu[s] Alum Salt out of the tasks at 1/ Sing[g] bu[s]. with respect I am &c

9 mo 7[th]

To Edmund Prior (via Newport)

I am duly favoured with thy kind letter of 27 & 31[st] Ults advising

the Pollys arrival & hope soon to hear of her departure & of the amt. of thy advances.— This is principally to request thou would procure for me two very good Anchors about 150 each & let me know of thy having them or the probability of it as soon as may be & ship them when occasion presents. I shall not be in necessity for them in less than 5 weeks but wish to be certain of them —

I wrote long since to Peter Curtenius with directions for another Kettle like that thou bought of him. only requesting it might be cast bottom down, as from the badness of the casting the other Broke, & had like to have been of very great damage by fixing our Manufactory Stoves &c — I wish thee to attain one, & send when conveyance presents

I am &c

please to inform me thy opinion of a new Ship of 280 Tons staining a freight in New York for London. I want to send one there, in preference to any other part of Europe, both on account of shipping the Ship & making a conveyance for my dear Parents & Family next Spring She may be in New York early in 11th month please also to say what is the freight to Europe 10th since the foregoing I am favd by thine of 4th advising the arrival of the Cotton & Coffee Ship by Wist — who has also arrived safe — I shall write thee how to dispose of those Articles as soon as I can hear from Boston — I am this evening informed of Capt Grinnells arrival at New York — if I have there any goods addressed to thee, & thou thinks a speedy Sale of them can be made to my advantage, I wish them to be retained & sold if he has not come away, if no such prospect they may come forward. —

I am much disappointed in the Pollys taking so small a cargo — but hope no loss will attend the Sale of the Flour, I wish thee to put 600 on board Grinnell at a low fr. as it now sells here at 37/6 I wish not to add expence to the other 100 as it will probably sell at with only the loss of a Commn but leave thee to act as thou think best. — with esteem I as before am thine

add to Gibbs & Channings letter

Ed. please to follow Russells directions relative to the coffee & Cotton

Your care in forwarding the inclosed by the most direct conveyance will oblige me much —

Wm Minick informs me he was to have £50. on board Capt Churchill & desires me to receive his Voyage for his wife when the voyage is settled. I shall be glad to know it, or if your choice to deliver his share in Cash & Bond. he says in his letter he has on board 13 bus Salt, perhaps Capt Churchill can obtain it —

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To Brothers De Bauque

(Added to duplicate 8mo 29th)

To the Cathazine Capt. Coffin

Since the foregoing duplicate of my last respects Capt. Ray has settled his Voyage & paid off all his men except his Mate, & he has of this date given me a Bill of Exchange upon Alex. & Benj. Champion for Three hundred pounds Sterling to be placed to your Act., this will we suppose pay the advances upon the Ship & Cargo, not accurately ascertained—

We have a new Ship on the Stocks to be launched in all this month, which we have a prospect of considerable part of a freight for, to Amsterdam, & should your Orders arriving in time, give me liberty to ship your Ct there, it will probably go in her.— With much respect & esteem I am as usual Yours &c

To Capt Laban Coffin
sent to New York

Boston 8mo 23d

There is every reason to believe from the Accounts these, that the Cargo for St. Helena will sell very well & I suggest to thee that if thou can do well by taking a cargo of valuable Goods there, for America out of the Indiamen on fr. it may be as well for owners & Men as to go on the Skin Voyage, the usual fr. fm India has ben 10 pct on the Goods Since the War fr. have risen double, consequently it ought to be 20 pct from India & of course I think thou may obtain 10 pct. but the rate may be governd by the value of the Goods, for if thou can make by coming back, 1000 Dollars it will be better for the owners & crew, than to get a load a load of Skins 10,000 as much less time will be taken up.— I dont think it worth while to make any calculation for the Salt. As I find by the latest accounts fm Canton the Skins which were Salted, would not sell at all, of conse- quence thou can take more Flour, do desire our Friend Prior to attend to the quality of the Flour that be of a kind likely to keep the passage.— I have no doubt Skins may be had at many of those Islands, particularly St. Pauls & Amsterdam, if thou does not find them at Prince Edwards Islands.— When I last heard from Canton the market was over Stocked, & the dried Skins would not sell for more than half a dollr but I have no doubt they will at another time do better. I perhaps thou may find by enquiry whether they will not do up the Gulph of Pasia or the neighbourhood of that Country, & pursue such plan

as thou may think most conducive to our interest.—
dont fail writing us by all opportunities. as we shall be very anxious to hear how thou goes on.— wishg thee a pleas-
ant Voyage & good success I am
To Moses Levas

9mo 10.—

As we have very little prospect of much Flax Matter coming to this market this fall. I see no encouragment for thee to depend upon much frm this place— there is an English Ship prize to a french Ship at Boston who must have Flax on Head matter. as we do not deal in prize Goods. none of the manufacturers of our society. will interfere in the purchase. I fear the Sale will not be before the last of this Month.
I am respectfully thine &c
To Thos Russell Esqr

9mo 10.—

I have a letter from my friend Edt Prior of N York of 2nd. informing of the delivery of 5 bags Cotton & 31 bags Coffee Shipd by Capt West from New Providence, as the drawback cannot be obtaind upon the Articles exportation of those Articles but from the place of importation. I have requested my said friend to wait thy direction relative to the disposal of them. as west had Orders thy Shipd on to me— in a Letter of 3d he says Coffee is quick sale at 15 to 16d Cotton dull 1/9 their Currency— I hoped before this to have been favourd with a line from thee upon the Subject I wrote the upon, supposing from Wests unintelligable mode of representation, that thy Order was necessary, but examining the articles of agreement, I conclude the meaning there of was for the Cargo to go to Boston on our Risk, consequently the Vessel will sail as soon as possible— the present Storm will detaind him.
Since I wrote thee I have conversed with P Kennare & Capt West & find that if the latter can justify his conduct, he must do it himself as I have no desire to enter contest where I am not obliged. & I have no doubt thy good sense will suspend thy decision until West has had an opportunity of representing his case, with respect
I am &c

9mo 10.—

To Booth & Pratt

I have taken the liberty of inclosing to you a Bill of Exchange drawn by Paul Ray upon Alex & Benj Champion London in my favour for three Hundred Pounds Sg. which I have endorsd— the bills at 30 days sight.—

This bill it will be agreable for you to take at the premium that your knowledge of Exchange will dictate, having full confidence therein — The Amt. I am not immediately in want of — but wish when convenient you would place it to my Cr. in the Branch Bank or give me leave to draw upon you, as occasion present. — In the course of this month will be in time —

Inclosed Letters of advice you will please forward with the Bills

with respect I am &c
9 mo 7.

To Alex.r & Benj.n Champion

I have already wrote you via Hull & by Capt.n Ray for London inform.g of the safe arival here of the Judith Paul Ray of Dunkirk belong.g to our mutual frds Brothers De Bauguie & Benj.n Rupley with 99 Tons Wh Oil. & also that Capt.n Ray has Orders from his Owners which are also confirmd to me, to draw upon you for what money he may want to pay of his Crew & other expences. — In conformity thereto he has this day drawn a Bill of Exchange on you for three hundred Pounds Sterl.g to me, at 30 days Sight. — When it comes to hand you will oblige the parties concernd in giving it due honour. —

with esteem I am &c
9 mo 10.

Dear Brother & Catharine & Joseph Coffin

I have alread wrote this twice by Francis Coffin & hope to get this by him also — Nath.l Barnard having come to Nantucket & landed his Oil. the French Consul is now here on his way to take charge of the property for his Owners, Barn.d has Sunded and taken out the hands Shares of the Oil & Head matter to pay them off. the other the Consul intends to leave until he hears frm his Owners. If the many Oil remains on hand & thinks it cannot be realized by sale of it. & can make any equal terms with Barnards Owners to deliver them my Oil. & take their Oil & Head matter then I should like it, provided they have given no orders for its disposal — the price here is for Oil £30. & for Head £63 — thou can best judge what terms to offer — but if thou art not assured that confidence can be placed in them as I know them not, it may be best to do noth.g with it —

I have just heard the arival of Grinnell at New York

the 3d inst his letter I hope to have by tomorrows post — Barnards rated his Voyage at 600 Bl. but I think it fell short of that. in hast affectionaly I am thine &c — —

9 mo 12. —

To Benj[a] Williams

I duly rec[d] thine & Capt. Jones. but in my hast did not discover thy request to have some Money sent by him until this Morning & Capt. Jones did not remind me of it — for this neglect or inattention I am sorry, but hope it will not prove to thy disappointment. — I now inclose thee My Check upon the Branch Bank for Ninety three Dollars. which pays what Capt. Jones brought & 23/ Thousands. — with respect I am thine &c —

I shall depend upon an other load of Bricks. if they are here in two or three weeks they will be in time

to Cordwell & Wells 9 mo 14. 1793

By Capt West I have sent moulds for three pair sadder joints for our Ship, which I request you will make in the very best manner. possible of strong & tough Metal. & send them by with proper Nails by West. — I have sent two pair Old joints 186 lb. & 219 lb & 66 Sheet Copper upon. which you will please to make what allowance for paper & dirt you may think right, & let me know as soon as you have cast them the weight, sending by Capt. & I will forward you the remainder in Copper. I have had the pintles made very large as I fear their breaking having known many instances thereof — pray be careful of the Moulds as they may serve me hereafter

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To Jesse Putnam

9mo 14. 1793

I duly rec.d. thine of 10th & we have a prospect of a frd. with what Oil we have a prospect of for a Ship to be loading next month. as the Ship is very valuable & the greatest part of her Cargoe prob.y bean my own acct. consisting of Whale Oil, should we conclude to send her to Havre & it would be agreeable to thee to put it on board her I think. rather than take the risk of the whole Cargo. I can furnish thee with 30 or 40 tons Sp.m Oil on Am.n C.t & if not convenient for thee to pay it. 2 or 3 mo.s on interest may do as well for me unless some unexpected call should require my applying for it before that time —

I wait the arrival of Letters by Cap.t Grinnell who has arrived at Newyork. to determine on the Ship going to Havre. & should this mode appear eligable to thee. shall be glad of thy information, if not I will try if I can obtain the Oil on terms that will be more agreeable. it cant be purchas.d under 30 £ Cask. at which price I propose to buy it.

I am

P.S. I have only 100 Tons Whale Oil on hand which I design for that Ship but expect a Vessel in all this month when it may suit me to furnish thee with a like q.y of Whale oil & some Tow. on the same terms at the Customary ~~Pr.~~ price provided thou will consent to its going in my Ship on the Customary freight as charged by our Mutual frd. Hodgson which price I have not yet heard W R

To Thos Russell Esq^r Boston June 16. 1793

Thy obliging favour of 6^th came duly to hand & so far as the dispute between Cap West & our friend Newman may require our interposition I shall gladly accede to thy proposal. but I hope they will terminate this misunderstanding, without troubling any body. West has the agreement with him & will give the a Copy of it on his arrival. What balance thou finds due upon the Contract, I shall be obliged by thy placing to my Credit in the Branch Bank when convenient — Cap West Not. it necessary to guard against any critical examination should he meet an English Cruiser, to have a bill Lading filled as though the property was reshipped Accordingly inclose thee one. altho. I conceive it of little consequence — he sailed yesterday

With much esteem I am

Yr

To Peter Roe Dalton June 18. 1793

Thy obliging favour of yesterday I have just and inclosing the Draft upon your Office for 1979 84/100 Dollars. which I have endorsed & request may be placed to my Credit on the Books of the Office for thy kind attention to this business please accept my thanks

I am

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Jo Thibaud 9 mo 20

I have only to inform thee that yesterday by the arrival of one of the Dunkirk Fishermen I find that Capt Saran Sheffield Junr left fish bay on the coast of Africa in company this Ship with abo 450 B. Oil being obliged to leave that coast on acct British Cruisers I soon write Capt Sheffield desiring him if he has no directions from his Owners how to proceed, to apply immediately to thee my last letter from my Uncle Ellis dated June 6. when he was about to set sail for London I find the Negre & Dauphin both went off the Brazil coast for Delago Bay round Cape Good Hope the former 600 the latter 500. their chance is really very small for escaping capture — Should thou wish to ship the oil Sheffield brings in to Havre I have a new Ship that I expect at present will go there this fall. & should she go shall be able to take it if I can hear thy determination soon —

I have duly credited thy acct the payment to Mr Claiborne & for thy attention please accept my thanks. I am

Dear Friend 9 mo 20.

By Ca Grennell I am favd with thine of 18 with the Policy Acct & Bill Lad for 50 Bs Flour all which are made to our satisfaction I shall rely upon thy procuring me the Anchors. I dont doubt I shall find cawey. but with thee not to omit any. I am obliged by thy observations upon Jr for our Ship which I must refer to a time of more leisure. Thos Russell requests I would have the Copper & Cotton delivered to Wm & James Constable & Co whom will please to do; & he says they will secure the Duty. thinks Ct I shall with sent me in order to send Cap Wests Bill Lading

9 mo 23.

To Wm Clapp

Having just rec.d a Box of fresh Cambricks from Havre, I have sent it by Flenghan, & request thou will either sell it on my Act.t or make me an offer for it, the livres cost me in France 15.d p.r Hg. p.r 3 Livres — but I must sell them at the value — the above is the true invoice —

I have also some excellent Silk Stockings & Ribons of various kinds. — a box of which I will send thee if thou thinks thou can dispose of them — My object is to turn them into Cash as soon as I can. with respect I am —

to Brothers De bauguee 9 mo 23.

I wrote you 8 mo 29. & 9 mo 7 Via Havre & dupliate via Bordeaux. since which has arrived here the Brother, Capt. Swain, having after he was disturbed at Woolwich Bay, been to Tigers Island Bay & obtained at both places about 50 tons. the whales keep very scarce there. the French Ships thought best to leave that coast & come to America Capt. Rawson in the Three Friends has also arrived with 75 Tons, came out in company Ship — Jon.a Bragg. & Brig — a Shiff.s Jun.r neither of whom have yet arrived —

Capt. Swain is discharg.g his Ship & I shall give him every Assistance in my power & shall take his drafts on A & B Champion for what advance he may want to enable him to pay of his Crew — a difficulty will arise for want of the act of supplies to the men before sailing but the best that can be done to serve your interest will be attended to. — John Akins who was in the Judith desires you would out his former voyage, pay Macartney 160 livres he owes him & also his landlord I believe what he owes him about 100 livres & receive of him a few Clothes he left with with him. & when convenyance presents requests you would send me for him those Clothes & the balance that may be due him. —

I hope soon to receive your directions relative to the disposition of the Oil & Bone, as the season will soon be over for its shipments. —

My former letters advise of Capt. Ray having drawn for £300 upon A B Champion for the settlement with his men, entering ship &c — Yam

9 mo 26.

To Joseph Thebaud

I wrote thee via New York since wh. I have rec.d my Uncle Fr.s Rotch's letter forwarded by thee dated 20.th ult. when speaking of the Whale Ships he writes thus " perhaps the news of war with G.t England Spain " & Holland may tempt them to fly for an American port. " if so it is a question whether their cargoes may not " be shipped in American Bottoms for France without " prejudice to the Insurance which comprises only Ship " & Whale Stores with provisions. on this subject I shall " write thee when I am better informed." by this paragraph it appears that he expected my attention to those Ships should they arrive, but if thy agency with J Bard continues, thou has doubtless instructions upon this subject, & upon thy determination I shall rest contented, unless Capt. Sheffield who I hear has now arrived, should have Orders to make his application to me in which case, I shall act according to the best of my judgment & thy advice. —

The sailors of the Dunkirk Ships who have come here we settle with for their Shares, at 9 the Oil at £16, & the bone at 8 Lno. — Our new Ship is to be off next week & I expect to begin her Lading immediately for Havre. We have Oil for the Dunkirk Ships more than to Load her, & am in daily expectation of having orders to Ship it, but until they arrive we can take Sheffields should thou think best to order it. —

if it does not exceed 40 or 50 Tons. in case it should be Shipped. thou will recollect the drawback can only be obtained by reshipping it from the Port where the Duty is secured

I am

to Gibbs & Channing

9 mo 26.

Your obligg letter of 26th is now before me I request you would accept my thanks for your kind attention to my letters & also to Capt. Shiffield. As I have no doubt the Brigt. Betsey will be ordered either to New York or this Port I beg this your assistance to Capt. Shiffield in advancing him what money he may want for his Entry & Tonnage & on my bog. advised the Sum I will remit immediately

In consequence of letters rec. from my father I have altered my intention of sending our Ship to Amsterdam he writes thus in 6 mo last. "I have wrote to Holland & find the price "of Oil there are too low to do any thing as Whale Oil would not net more than £14. or 15 Stg with the low frt. from Dunkirk & no insurance & Spm not more than £25." notwithstanding the discouraging State of the French market. I have determined to send our Ship to Havre with a cargo of Whale & Spm Oil principally on our own acct not to be sold faster than goods are actually purchased. & as I send out my orders at this time I hope the Ship may not require long detention. It is three or four years since I have done any business at Amsterdam, at that time John Hodshon did my business, but if I mistake not I think I have heard of his retiring or Death, but am not certain. with respect I crave your care to forward by the first conveyance the inclosed to New York

I am &c

9 mo 26th

To Wm Burroughs

I am much obliged by thy kind offer of service to Capt. Shiffield. I hope to get rid of any trouble with his Vessel: as the person who owns one half the Vessel has an agent in New York. I gave directions some time since to Capt Shiffield on his arrival to apply to him. unless he had particular directions respecting applying to me.

Benj. Mosher has thoughts of going to Newport with a view of purchasg a vessell. Should he ~~want~~ want sume of mee 120 Dollars or less. & apply to the for Assistance I will remit it to thee with my thanks. — I have a few Boxes good french Window Glass 8 by 10. 9. 11. & 10 by 12 which I with to send to send to the to sell as also a few casks Plumbton will thou inform me what that Glass will sell the 100 feet

with usual respect I am &c

To Parkman & Blake

9 mo 28

My fr^d. Having shipd me out for ~~Havre~~ Frame a few artikles of silk manufacture to save to the rapid deprivation of Livres. I have taken the liberty of addrsg. to you, two small Boxes, as p the inclosed invoice, which I shall be pleased if it should be agreeable to you to take to your own Ac^t. payable in 6 months — altho this invoice has actually cost me more than I have rated the goods at, yet they being much out of my line, I had rather sell them thus low than to hold them for a profit — when you have examined the quality, I shall be obliged by your observations thereupon, & also if it will not be agreeable to you to take them, if you will dispose of them for my Ac^t. without prejudiicing your own Sales — I have also a small Box Cambricks & one more box of Ribands I shall be glad to sell on terms advantageous to the purchaser — with respect I esteem. I am &c

to V. Homberg & Homberg Freres 9 mo 28.

By Cap^t. Grinnell I have your esteemed favours dated 29^th May & 7^th July. the former covering sale 200 casks Spenn Oil Rpd to your debit £962. 7. 5 & the latter covering Inv^e Goods you have shipd me Amt^g. to £1628. 13. 10 to your Credit

I am pleased with your conclusion not remit my money to London, as the exchange was so very low &

also that you have laid it out in goods, with both which I am well satisfied being persuaded you have done the best you could for my interest. So far as I have opened the goods they have come in good Order except two pc. Lustrings which are much Spotted. I think the goods are on as good terms as I could expect from the State of your Currency — and I hope will net me a profit. — I am much obliged by your assurance that should any of my drafts upon you appear, they should meet with due honour, even if my property was all remitted. happily this is not the case having advised you 5th. last that I should not draw — I am sorry you could not send me more Duck but I find it is not easy to bring out.

My brother & myself have concluded to send our New Ship to Havre, with a Cargo of whale & Sperm Oil in hopes she will find a good freight either to some European port or to the West Indies or to the United States, for which we should be glad you would make what arangment you can before her arrival that she may lay in port but very little time, she may be expected before New Years Day — and should any thing unexpected turn up, I shall doubtless ship you 50 Tons Sperm Oil for which I wish you to prepare what goods I shall Order that they may be in season for the early part of the Spring — It will be our wish for the Ship to make a Short freight & back to Havre, to take out goods as early in the Spring as possible, as we want her here to fit her for the Pacific Ocean to Sail by midsummer. —

I am not particular as to the articles I write for but leave you at liberty to regulate them by your judgment & convenience. I shall write you again soon in meantime I am

To Gibbs & Channing 10 mo. 1793

If your ship has arrived at New Port with Hemp it will be agreeable to you to furnish me with a few Tons, payable in all or in part candles as soon as we can make them. I shall like to hear your terms, if you can now spare two tons good Hemp

200 quality. I shall be glad you would send it me by Crowell, or Mosher. and the balance that may be due, after payment for the 11 boxes Candles I will shortly make remittance for. with respect your Friend Sam.e

To Tho.s K Jones 9 mo 30. 1793

I have shipd by Capt. Bennett as p.e inclosed Invoice 3 boxes excellent Looking Glasses which have not been opened. I wish thy care in having them carted up with great caution, & try the Market at Auction when thou thinks best, & if they will come within 10 p.r cent of the Charges clear, thy Com.n I wish them Sold, but relying thou will do the best thou can, I leave the act as thinks best; advising me as early as thou can how they go, and when thou art in cash please to place it to my credit in the Branch Bank. I am

To Richard Jackson Junr 10 mo 11. 1793

By Mosher I have now sent thee as p.e Invoice 18 boxes window Glass & 6 ba Tumblers which desire thou will to my best advantage. I hope thou can sell them above the invoice, but had rather they were Sold even 10 p.r C.t below than not to turn them into cashin hand or on short C.t — if they will not readily sell It will be agreable to me that thou by them at public Sale — If they should should go on trial at a lower price than the above limits & thou thinks they will not be likely to do better I leave the to act thy own judgment therein to let them all go or not therewith I shall be satisfied —

Please to send by Mosher 25 or 30 Lb. Line of good quality, I hear great complaint p.n our masons of almost every Lb. yet rec.d & it does not go half so far in laying bricks as mine did in build.g my own house please to let me know as early as thou can how the prospect is for the sale of these articles as I have more to send if they will do — Sam —

to Wm Burroughs 10 mo 11. 1793

I have thine of 6th & 7th & Wm Talman Junr has paid me 30 Dollars which I have placed to thy Cr. Jam obliged by thy Assistance to Benj. Mosher & shall duly Cr. thee the £36 p. thine £6 - 5 p. on Acct. brother Harris for thy kind offers of service please accept my thanks. -

When the Glass is up at Public & is like to go as high as thou thinks thou can make them command, if less than my limits I leave the to act thy own judment to sell the whole or not as I wish soon to sell them & if thy will do to send thee some more. - with thy conduct therein I shall be satisfied - Should thou see any prospect of a sale for my Aff. Mothers house, I wish the to communicate it to me - & if it will do in her then situation. I will consult her - with respect I am &c

to Jos. Hussey 10 mo 10. 1793

Thy favour of 30th ult. I duly rec. the Ledger has yet been sent. & I now think we shall close our Acct without it - I wish the to send me by Capt. Bennett or any other early conveyance. 36 Cr. Bar Lead 2 Cr. best India Brown Sugar. 2 Hhds good Molass

and please to inform me as soon as thou can at what price thou can purchase me 6 Tons best Hemp, Eastern 6 mo C. - also at what price thou can sell me 20 Tons whale Bone Oil & the price of Whale Bone - with respect I am &c

to Benj. Tupper 10 mo 10. 1793

I think the time of payment for the Oil & Candles has Come I am like to be in great want of some money in about 10 days. I request thy care to have the bal. my Acct placed to my Cr. in the Branch Bank as early next week as early possible. - Ask the Credit thou has for Capt Marsh ought to be put to my Acct. - with respect I am &c

To John & Richard Cadman 10 mo 11. 1793

Having a Ship soon bound to Havre in which its probable there will be some Goods the ft. of which will be left with me to determine. I as I suppose similar circumstances may have attended your Shipments in the Catharine I take the Liberty to crave your information if you have no objection to say what is her ft. as I wish to conform myself thereto — when I was last in town 90/ Sterg was asked, & I conclude was as low as has been carried of late — if your own property was only Ship'd. I shall be much obliged by your opinion what ft would be right for me to charge conformable to the com. custom of Boston to France. — I am sorry to give you this trouble, but as you do more business in this line to Havre than any others, I wish not to deviate frm your customs. — with respect I am &c. — —

To Jesse Putnam 10 mo 16. 1793

I have delayed replying to thy favour of the 26th. ult. frm some unexpected obstructions to my determinations, which yet preclude every precise decision to thy several proposals — thro the prevalence of the influenza Our Ship which was to be off the 4th. cannot be launched until the 19th. when the utmost dispatch will be given her — but it will much depend upon the weather we may have respecting the time of her sailing — frm aut. I have had I am warranted in looking daily for a Brig. with a load of Whale Oil, when she arrives the Ships whole ft. will be made up, & I shall then be ~~made up~~ able to furnish thee with that kind of Oil the price of which I shall then propose to thee as also that of Bone — with respect I am &c

To Uriah Paddack 10 mo 17. 1793

Since I wrote thee before I find in casting thy Lay I had not taken out the Oil due to Ama. Gardner. I now find thy share say 26 is £ 61. 14. & if thou

sends the Bond here say 200 ℔s there will be due thee
in Dunkirk the amount of that 6.6.8
which with 50 dollars paid thee here ..... 15. " "
& my Order on Samuel Rodman 40.7.6
£61.14."

when thou has rec.d the above please to acknowledge
the rec.t thereof by letter & thou will oblige thy Friend. Sam
to Wm. Clapp

10 mo 12. 1793

I duly rec.d thine of 3.d inst. and am
pleasd with the sale of the Paper hangings, altho they
are not at any advanced price they cost a Livre
for which I have ch.d 1. but as my goods were sold
last winter in France & the French Goods, several mo
in collecting, during that time the exchange fell
from 15 to 8 that I am entirely at a loss to know the
exact cost of my Goods not knowing at period they
were paid for — this accounts for my notes to
thee that 15 was the exchange when my property was
Sold, in the case of the Cambricks — I hope on further
examination that article thou will find thou can
afford me 9 ℔ Livre at which price I donot make any
advance upon my original Shipment — & thy
offer of £65 does not give 8 mo. that I shall be a con-
siderable looser by thy offer — & to save my own
under the circumstances of the Assignants I shall be
quite easy — I have now sent thee 2 boxes Ribbons
with a few silk Stockings as p. inclosed Invoice. the Ribbons
I have ch.d also a 9 the Livres, which I hope thou will
find them sufficiently low to induce thee to take the
to take the whole to thy own Ad.t paying me in 6 mo
which terms of payment I will put the Cambricks
if thou finds thou can allow me 9. the silk Stock-
ings are very exellent & I hope thou will find
equally inviting — My brother Tho.s has a Box Paper
Hang.gs which he thinks to send thee by the ear-
liest conveyance — I am &c

126 To Parkman & Blake 10 mo 15. 93

I duly rec'd y'r of 8. & should have been much pleased if the whole Inv'c. had proved agreeable to you to take. if I have rated them too high I should be willing to put them at a less price.

The Ribbons I suppose very low less than I should have put them but for the Satins which are too good for our Sale - at 9d & Lis I am only paid for the Oil I Ship to France, without profit

I wish you would say at what price for the Satin Silk & Stockings you will take them on board.

If the Stage can take the Box of Cambricks you will receive it with this as p Inv'c. W'm I ~~hope~~ have also put at 9d. & hope they will appear on very good terms, as I am no judge of them I cant say how they are myself —

I have no extra to sell at this time I wish when you write again you will add the prem'm you give — with respect I am &c —

10 mo 8th 1793

To Dear Edmund

I feel much indebted for thy fr'dly attention, altho displayed upon a subject of more than common Affliction, which came to hand at a time our utmost anxiety was excited fm a report brought by Capt. Bunker fm New York, but altho we did not hesitate to believe yet on comparing some mistaken accounts via New Port that Brother Fisher & family were well on 25th. we waited the confirmation thy letter communicated ~~to~~ that report & thy letter both reached us on the 3d Inst. & ~~that~~ it was not untill the eve of 2nd. we heard Dr. Sally was unwell. that was conveyed by Dear D Offley in a letter of 25th.

Thus my dear fr'd were very expensively & alarmingly informed of the uncertainty of time - I say expensively, because the worth of that dear object was extensively known & deeply regretted not only by her relatives, but

but by every one who was acquainted with ~~her~~ the excellencies of her mind, but to us a most trying Affliction, in her we have lost a most endeared Sister, an exellent example both to ourselves & our Children, for whose instruction & improvement she possessed an uncommon qualification. Society will also lament her loss as she was an ornament to her profession, deeply interested in its welfare, & much devoted to its service.

May it be our care to emulate her virtues, & walk in the same path that has undauntedly led her to the mansions of Bliss. —

By Grinnell I duly rec.d thy favour with 250 bl.s Flour without Bill, & the Bills Acc.t — it was quite unexpected to me that she took so small a Cargo, but never having loaded her I calculated only from the Tonnage. am glad thou was able to turn the 100 bl.s Flour off our hands, hope thou suffered no injury thereby, if thou did it should be our loss — It was my intention to have sent thee a bill upon J Anthy & Son, but the derangment of the afflicted City of Phil.a must apologize for the omision — I hope to hand with this Sale of thy Pork which have been long closed —

Should thou find any conveyance for the Anchors & Iron Kettle please to send them —

I am in debt to S Ward & Brothers, & have been long endeavouring to obtain their acc.t of a ton of Iron & a fagot Steel also a Chest Tea they sold Capt. West who was to pay the amo.t to me but he lost the bill — I am unwilling to trouble thee in this business, but having often wrote in vain, & last summer requested John when going from Newport to see to it, I am so anxious to close their it that I crave thy applying to them for the amo.t of those three Articles —

I have delayed making them remittance for no other reason than to obtain a settlement, which I find is not like to effect it —

My friends at Havre studious to save me a

to considerable Loss by the depreciation of their Money have shipped me several Articles without Order some of which I had rather been without — Among wh: is a Box of Human Hair, which Capt Chase a passenger with Capt Grinnell told me he supposed it would sell better in Newyork than this way. I request thou will put it into some persons hands to sell on the best terms that can be Obtained, it is of a long kind consequently not a very necessary Article. Chase supposed it to sell for 3 or 4 dollars to a Guinea per pound, but I wish to be clear of it soon.

Should it be in thy way to assist the bearer Capt R Eldridge to any fr: thou may place confidence in him being an approved person in his business

Since I wrote the preceding I have to my great satisfaction rec: Wards ans: that rendered it unnecessary to trouble thee in it, with usual respect I am &c

To Cordwell & Wells 10 mo 6 D: 1793

By Mast I send you with the joints well made to patterns they exceed my expectation

I should sent the other Copper before but one or two Com: Brass & much Copper are yet on the Ship & cant come off until she is rigg'd & hove down wch was to be done long since, as soon as off I will send the bala. — I have now sent by Capt Davis in Shells & small pcs in a Cask weighg together 432 lb

I am surprised at the Copper the Copper but hope when you come to work it you will find that 20 p Cent will be no allowance, as that is much more than I had an idea of. but must leave it to you — I am

To Gibbs & Channing 10 mo 26 D: 1793

I have rec: your favour of yesterday I can make it convenient to take about 20 Tons Hemp provided you can put it on terms that will answer

for us.— We have now offerd it in Boston at £49. cash but it will be more agreeable to my brother & self. to have it on 6 months payable one half in cash & the other in Candles & Oil as you proposed. as soon as we can furnish them, at the Market prices for those articles at the time of delivery, or the whole in cash at 6 mo. your price on those terms will be acceptable — I have rec.d the 2 tons hemp by Crowell. & shall remit the amo. ere long — I have some Money in J. Anthonys hands are you acquainted with his arangments, that you can make it convinient to take my draft on him for the hemp sent me. with usual respects I am &c

to Wm. Clap

10 mo 26. 1793

I have thy favour of 24th. & approve of thy plaing the payment at the time thou proposis thou has my bill & rec.d for them for which please to return me thy note payable at the time.

I am much obliged by thy procuring the flaning for me which will Give me will. & if not too much trouble to thee shall also be glad of 6 yds more, will thou also take the trouble of procuring me 4/4 muslin yd wide ab.t the quality of the inclosed pattern, as I want it for Shirts it will do better to be thicker — if not convenient for thee to wait the payment for the paper hangings, I will remit thee both the amo of the Muslin & Flannel — I am &c

to Ed.d Davis

10 mo 25. 1793

My Brother Thos. & myself have a new Ship which we expect to Load in a short time with oil for Havre it is probable we shall want 1800 £ insurance upon one half the ship at & from Bedford to Havre, or other port in Europe. & back to this port with additional premium should she go on any other fr.n voyage in Europe or elsewhere until her said return to this Port also we

shall want perhaps 2 or 3000 £ upon her Cargo of it to Havre
by opinion of the premium for which thou
can have that insurance made covering all risk
against a war breaking with this country —

There never was a better Ship built than she in
Massachusetts than the Barclay, she will cost at sea
near £4000 ¾ of her is mine, & I propose to risk half
my property in her, myself, I expect Capt. David Swain
to command her, who is well acquainted with the Euro-
Coast having sailed 5 or 6 years fm Dunkirk & is a
very capable man, that I think no Ship will cross
the Atlantic, under better circumstances as to
the risk, thy early reply will oblige —
please say when the London Ships
bone advertised for Havre will sail

I have (as under) some Stock to sell, if thou art
in the way of selling them please to say what they will
fetch me in Cash, if thou are not in this line I will thank
thee to request of some person whom I may confide
in to give me this information speedily, also, the com.
for such sale — Yours &c

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all funded on Appletons Books in the name of J. Thom.
to me 24. 1793
& Pliny Earl & Brothers

I have before me your favour
of 2d. instant several weeks previous to which I had
requested T. Arnold to C. your Acct. £15. which he was
to pay me — I have now examined the sales of the
cards & find I am about 40/. in advance — by my
Books I have now remitted you by Ex 50 dollars three
times, making in all £45 — Yours

to V Homberg & Homberg frers 10 mo 29. 1793

added to duplicate 9 mo 28

Refering to the foregoing duplicate

of my last. I have briefly to add our Ship is now off the Stocks but it will be late before we get her away, frm the present appearance I see no probability of her sailg. befor the 15th 12 mo. by her my brother & self shall send a large invoice, of Spm & Wh Oil, mostly on our own Acct. & should the Prospect ~~of our~~ be in favour for our interest for the sale of the Oil, we shall with your early care in procuring us Goods in remittance therefor, but should you see ~~any~~ no prospect of the sale of Oil so as to promise us profit, we shall probably direct the Ship after Stopping to Havre to proceed to Amsterdam.— I note this, that if the article of Oil is not in proportion to other things, that you suppose it will not do to sell it, that you need not engage the Articles we want in return & but if on the other hand the price will bear a profit, I desire you for my Acct. to procure those articles ordered together with the others now Ordered.

As the expence of our Ship will £100 brown ₰ month, I wish her to be in port as little time as possible & if you can find a short freight for her, so as not to interfere with her being ready to return here to leave Havre ~~H~~ by the middle of 5 mo (May) next, it will be very agreeable — of which I shall write you more fully by thy Ship — with usual

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To Jos. Hussey 10 mo 29. 1793

I hope thou will be able to send me some Clapboards, before long.

Capt. Maxfields son has sent me thy Sales of the Duck part of which is my property, & I have extracted such part as is now due me besides the Duck of that Inv. wh. thou sent me, & have debited thy Acc. therefor say £123.3.9½ that sum thou will please to Cr. me & Charge Capt. Maxfield

Having laid out my fall busings pretty largly, & find more calls upon me for Cash than I have yet resources, & have been looking over thy Sales, & as far as I can discover, if if thou art in Cash as fast as payment becomes due, thou must have on hand about £900 — & that in the 11th & 12th month there will be £600 — more due, if this calculation agrees with thine, & thou can send me by Wm Henshaw in Silver or Gold, about one Thousand Dr. it will greatly oblige me, & I wish thee to have the remainder ready for my Orders as speedily as possible as I shall be obliged to call very soon — I am &c

I have now Candles when thou wants

To Joseph Anthony 10 mo 31. 1793

I have been unwilly to apply to thee in this time of Affliction, which has proved both to thee & us a painful consequence of the distrest calamity that has prevailed in that highly favourd City of Philadelphia — but our mutual frds Gibbs & Channing, have mentiond to me that it would be agreeable to thee for me to draw upon thee for £198 Lmo which I owe them, I have consequently sent them my bill for that sum, — I am also indebted about 500 Dr. to Saml Ward & Brothers, who have desired me to remit it to Clark & Hammd. at Newport, if it is quite convenient for thee to pay my draft for that sum I shall

be glad to send it, but I by no means wish it otherwise as I feel for thy present situation. I know that great derangm.t of money matters must be the event of such important changes as have taken place in y.r Quarter — After thou left home I had a letter frm the House advis.g the rec.t of 31 Pipes wine from my Uncle T Rotch, who took the precaution to ship it as for my Acc.t I accordingly gave some Orders respecting it, but since my Uncle has left that distracted country & reach.d England he writes me, that by the same conveyance, Capt. Mahin, he in a private letter gave you particular directions respecting it — those Order I wish may be followed without regard to mine — with respect I am &c —

to Gibbs & Channing 10mo 31. 1793

I duly rec.d yours of 26.th & shall have the Sloop Susa E Kempton Mr. at my Port to receive the Hemp as soon as she can reach that port — I shall like to have 3 Tons Iron if as good quality as last year — & if you can send me some small square bars for ¾ bolts it will suit me at this time — I inclose you have my bill upon our mutual frd Jos. Anthony for £188. for the 2 Tons Hemp —

with usual respect I am

To Jos.h Shipley 11mo 1.

Thy favr. 24.th ult. I have rec.d with the Sergeant & Lead pleas be refer.d to mine a few days since, I wish still for the Clapboard — I inclosed is an Invoice & bill Lad.g of a Ca Cutlery to me & the Mercury Capt Todd. which I request thou will receive & pay the fr.t & secure the Duty & send the Ca. by very first Convey. either to Nantucket or this Port. Thy attention will oblige

to Ed.d Davis 11mo 2. 1793

I duly rec.d thy oblig.g favour of 30 ult.o. The premium thou notes seems high, yet if they are common

to void

see over leaf

132 To Wm Gray jun. Salem 11 mo 1. 1793

I hope thou will excuse the freedom I have taken in troubling thee with business without profit.
My Fr.d H & Hamberg Frere of Havre have sent me the inclosed bill of Exch.e upon Elias Hasket Derby drawn by George Girdler Smith at 75 days pom Date 12 Aug.t for £50. & endorsed to me. I shall be much obliged by thy presentery it for acceptance & payment. being already due my directions are to remit this sum to London & I wish E & H D would give me a bill for that sum payable in London, I have no doubt it was the expectation of both Hamberg & Smith that 50£ should be paid in London consequently the latter must pay the prem.m upon Exch.e but in this Matter I must conform to the usage of Merchants in such cases, which I am unacquainted with. but thou will doubtless know
The prem.m is now in Boston 6 p.C.t If he can furnish me with a bill I shall be obliged by thy information & if he can conveniently pay the sum in Boston — his order will oblige me
I am with much esteem Thy respectfully
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To Edward Davis 11 mo 1. 1793

I duly rec.d thy oblig.g favour of 30.th ult.o
The premium thou notes seems high, yet if they are commonly given, I ought to be contented, & I conclude ne policys are filled on better terms or thou would doubtless mention it. I shall soon come to a conclusion upon the subject & lett thee know — The Publick securities I gave a list of to thee I wish thee to sell them if thou can obtain the prices thou quoted Say 6 p.C.t 10. Defer'd 1/4 3 p.C.t 10. and I will legally transfer them to the name thou shall mention, as I am duly authorized by power of Attorney — if there are blank forms for sale of them I wish to have them sent me. the money I shall want in a short time as I have orders to remit it to London please to say how Lon.d Exchange now is. I am

to Jos. Hussey 11mo 4. 1793

I forwarded thee this morning by Russells Stage a letter with Invs. of a cask hard ware &c. Capt. Todd put it up with a number of letters & a Bundle of Books to go to my Father & directed the Bundle to thee in the drivers care. Please open the Bundle if not already done & forward the things as directed — Henshaw handed me thine of 31st. Ult. with one Thousand Dollars & 7/ (being a brown for a Dollar) which I place to thy credit as p. Rect. inclosed, of course thou may give up his receipt. — I am pleased to find thou has 500. Dollars more ready for me, as I cant find means to draw for it. I wish thee to send me by Henshaw one thousand Dollars more — My Wife is so well pleased with the Sugar thou sent me. she wants thou should send another bag of same quality — with respect I am &c —

to Parkman & Blake 11mo 4. 1793

Your obliging favour of 24th. Ult. came duly to hand & I place the 6/4 Cambricks to your debit — & I hope it will not be long before you say on what terms you will take the others — I have sold all my Ribbans, but my brother Thomas has one much like mine. he is out of Town but if I can find his Invs. in the morng. think to send — I shall be much obliged by your send. me by one of the Stages this week 2 p.s 8/4 Blankets, with a Bill of them — with usual respect I am

to Richard Jackson Junr. 11mo 7. 1793

I duly rec. thine by Mosher with 30 ba Linn, & I shall attend to the marks of those which have or shall prove bad — I am well satisfied with thy Sale of the Tumblers at 24/3, & now send thee 2 ba more of same kind as the cheapest thou Sold, & one ba larger ones which cost in the same proportion as I have charged them in Invoice, please to sell on best terms thou can — I wish thee to procure me 6 b.s of very best Cyder Late made & send when ready. I have sent 16 boxes E. by 10. I have more &c

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Dear Uncle

11 mo 9. 1793

Thy two favours from L'Orient by Makins & 8 mo 30 from London came duly to hand. I am pleased to find thou art one more relieved from the State of anxiety that must await a residence in France at this unhappy Period — I have conformed to thy wish in order'g Anthony's follow'g thy directions respecting Wine — I am very glad to find thou has done so well in recovering for the Trade and also that thou art pleased in no my bills not having appeared for the balance of my Acct. As I had feared that delay in me might have proved to thy injury not knowing but the house thou had ordered me to draw upon had shared a common fate of many of the London Merchants & Bankers with thy property in their hands —

I am not so doubtful of the American Funds as thou art, altho' I believe our Stocks will fall if the Indian War is prosecuted, (which now appear inevitable) Yet in compliance with thy directions I have bargained for all thy Stocks left in my hands for thy account by John Fleming Viz.ⁿ 6 ℔Cᵗ. 19/ 3 ℔6ᶜ. 10/7 Deferred 11/4 which is the highest price I have known for many months, but it is a very unfavourable time to remit Bills on London being 6ᵗʰ ℔Cᵗ. advance having since last Spring risen from 2ᵗʰ discount — I shall watch a favourable time for the remittance & follow thy directions therein — with much esteem & respect thine Sam.ˡ

10ᵗʰ. very unexpected the Augt. Capᵗ. Hawes arrived here this afternoon with about 9 tons Sperm Oil & 140 Tons whale Oil filled up at Delago Bay where he left on 16ᵗʰ. 8 month the Dauphin with 1900 b.ˡˢ wh.ᵗ oil. Gardners intention was when the season closed there to come round to the coast of Guinea they had no knowledge of the War, but finding no Ships at the Bay lately from Europe, they suspected it which

prevented Hawes & Micajah Gardner from stopping at Cape
& Hawes going for S.t Helana Spoke an English Whaleman
Capt Keyser Came bound to Brazil from woolwich Bay, who
gave him the information. — I shall not as agent or
thy Correspondent do any thing to injure the Policy, but inform
J Thebaud as speedily as possible — the People must or will
doubtless leave the Ship, & drop their Shares — I hope thou
will give directions respecting this case — Hawes parted with
Mr.e Gardner soon after leaving the Bay, but thinks he
will come to America, as before I am now &c —

to Edward Davis 11mo 9. 1793

If practiable before Post hour on 2.d
day morn.g I shall have the Power completed, & inclose thee
my own Power from Fleming annexed thereto — likewise
now inclose all the Stocks refered to as at foot (annexed) except
the (large) 3 p.r Cent. which I left in the Bank with the Cashier
with my Power to receive the Interest — for this is added
my Order on him — I wish the Proceeds Placed to my Cr.
in the Branch as Speedily as may be — I am Thy Friend

N.o 2946 — 99. 7 p.r Cent Six p.r Ct. deferd N.o 2905 — 99. 28 three p.r Ct.
3952 — 98. 15 Six p.r Cent 1697 — 4. 925. 11. three p.r Cent
&c &c &c

to J Thebaud 11mo 11. 1793

I duly rec.d thy favour dated 6.th inst.o
I heard also that Sheffield had sailed for New York — the
Owners of most of the Dunkirk Ships who have came
here under my care, had obtained, had obtained the under
-writers consent for them to order their Ships to any Safe
Port. I conclude their fears of failure in case of Loss, & they
have had scarcely a frenchman on board, that we have
met no difficulty in obtaining liberty from the Consul to
discharge the Sailors — Those owners having given
me Orders to pay off the Crew — this could not be done
without entering the Ships & securing the duty, of course our
collector says the Tonnage must be paid — The Negro

Capt. Hawes also reached this Port yesterday with a full Ship about 1140 Tons Whale Oil & 9 tons Sperm. he left Delago Bay the 16th 8 mo & fm fears of a war with holland avoided the Cape of Good Hope with a view of Stoping at St. Helana, but fortunately in the latitude of that Place he Spoke an English (Ship) Whaleman, who informed him of the War, not knowing what course was best to take, & finding in that Ship a letter fm my father ordering all his Ships to America he supposes he should be justified in coming here — as I have rec. fm my Uncle Francis some Observations on this subject I regulate my conduct thereby & enclose thee an extract therefrom — Capt. Hawes has reported his Ship, the people are (except two or three) New England Men, & will not consent to the Ships moving without delivering them their Oil — this no one can blame them in so long as it is conducted as not to make a deviation in the Policy — Capt. Hawes as he finds he must follow his own judgment, seems inclined to disarm his Ship — I shall be glad of thy information or instruction as thou ~~at Delago~~ may think best — Capt. Hawes left at Delago Bay with 1140 all well —

My Uncle mentions to me his having a balance in thy hands which he has requested thee to remit to me. If that amt. is considerable & thou can send me a good London Bill of Exchange to the amt. at a premium not exceding 2 or 3 pr Cent. I shall prefer it — I am — Please to note the premiums in New York of Insurance upon American property to Insure against all risks including the breaking out of a War with America — I am &c

11 mo 4. 1793

To Benj. Tupper

I have rec.d of thine of 9th. with a Statement of my acct. balance due £2. 9. 1½ part of

which I observe was Candles sold a 2/8 5 or 6 mo. ago & not yet rec.d. Hussey has sold us 601 20 Boxes this year & not one under 2/9 – at 4 mo C.r & when the time of payment comes I draw for the money. I gave thee liberty by thy own request to sell them at 2/8 cash – but even if payment had been punctually made, I had rather the Candles were on hand to this day than sell them on C.r at 2/8. However I am now greatly in want of the money & hope thou has received it before this. I will be ready to answer my draft. Should thou not have rec.d the money & my draft comes to hand I wish thee to have it discounted at the Bank, as I had rather pay one no interest than be disappointed of the money which I cant do without

to Joseph Hussey 11 mo 11. 1793 I am &c

I expect an opportunity to morrow or next day of taking £100. to pay in Boston I therefore desire thee to send sending the money by Henshaw & wait my draft for that sum, which I suppose may not reach thee before next week. ——

If thou has a whole bale of the Duck left on hand, please to send it by Davis of Falmouth now in Boston if not a bale send what thou has — please also send me 6 p.s Duck best Russia Molasses I am supplied from Newport. the Clapboards please also to send by Davis — I have taken the Boards sent by Howland, which thou will please to place to my debit sending me a bill — I intend sending the some Candles by the Sloop Hero. to sail tomorrow. with I am &c

To Thomas K Jones 11 mo 11. 1793

I duly rec.d thy favour of 6.th I am pleased to find thou hast sold most of my Glasses, the remainder thou will use thy judgment in selling — As my calls for money at this time are urgent & I shall

have a call at the Branch Bank next week. I shall take it as a favour if thou will deposit to my Cr. the Amo. of what thou hast in thy Sole informing me the sum — I expect by a Sch. fm Havre to Boston a few more goods which if adopted to thy sales shall be glad to have them stuck off with Sam thy Friend

To Francis Macy

11mo 11. 1793

I wrote the on the Harmonys arrival, giving thee that intelligence, since which the Consul having authorized me to act as Agent to the Ship, I have assisted Capt. Briggs, he has with the Consuls consent discharged the Ships People & delivered them their Shares of Oil & Bone, the Oil has been taken out Coop-ered & restored in the Ship, where its probable it will lay until some intelligence comes fm the Owners. She had about 60 Tons Whale & a Ton Sperm Oil —

As the Officers & Crew are unwilling take another Hazard we know not what to do with those Ships who have received no Orders fm their Owners, Capt. John Hawes arrived here yesterday full — left at Delagoa Bay Isaiah Hussey wanting three wh. Thos. Gardner 1100 bl. James Whippy 300 bl. the Dauphin Steph. Gardner 240 Tons Micah Gardner sailed with him full — As no late European Ships had arrived at the Bay, the suspected War with Holland, & Gardner & Hawes has determined to avoid the Cape in hopes of hearing at St. Bay Saldena Bay, but boath Gardner he been for St. Helana, & in the latitude of that Is. Spoke a London Ship Capt Cane, who gave him the information, Hawes says it was the advice of Is. Hussey to Gardner to come to America & that it was also his determination, but as they all had Ideas of Stoping to St. Helana, I fear they will fall a Sacrafice — Please communicat this intelligence to thy Brother Hussey — with respect I am thy Friend

to Jesse Putman 11 mo 12. 1793

My vessel has arrived with the whale oil I reputed, & our Ship will begin taking in next week to sail with all possible Speed, we have her whole fr. engaged, but as I shall have to large a risk on my own Acc. I will State my proposals for thy consideration Her fr. is the same as Codmans Ship 6 p. ct & 10 p. ct; & the same that Codmans write me is given to a Ship for Amsterdam — I will put on bd this Ship for thy Acc. 20 Tons Spermaceti Oil at £30 20 tons Whale at £18. & the Common Prop. of wh. Bone at 9d & (which will be 100 to 100 l.) with the customary expences of bind. & Gaug. truck. & Wh. the Amo. with the fr. to be paid me on the first of the 6 mo (April), or the fr. not until we hear of its arival & if I can with convenience defer the Payment 2 mo longer on interest I will do it — We have given £30 cash for 50 tons Oil Since I wrote thee before & it cant be bo. under, thy early reply will oblige — I am thy Friend

to Cordwell & Wells 11 mo 13. 1793

By cap. Benj. Dellingham of the Sloop Hero of this port, I have sent you 648 lbs more of old Sheet Copper & some pines in a bund mentiond to have sent before, (which were by accident omitted) I have sent the full balance but supposing there was yet another pair of Joints put of in Order to procure them from the other side of the River & so until it was too late, I am not yet satisfied that there is no more joints as I think I have sent you only two pair & I am clear there were three, if I dont find them will send you the balance by first conveyance — I am —

To Peter Roe Dalton Esq. 11 mo 22 1793

I Shall be obliged by thy ob-
serving the above Order drawn by Caleb Russell upon
his Son Jo. for One Hundred Dollars, & placing to my
Credit — with respect as usual I am —

To Booth & Pratt

11 mo 25. 1793

I duly rec.d your obliging fav.r of sep.r 14.
I am well satisfied with the premium on the Exchange
sent you for the amo.t of which I have Credit in the Bank
I expect next week to send you another bill for perhaps
the same sum, if agreeable to you to have it — the
money I shall want in the course of 2 or 3 weeks for
the rest of the Bill — please to say what is the present
premium — with respect I am Thy Friend —

11 mo 30

To Jethro Mitchell & Sons

Your favour is duly rec.d &
we shall reserve the 50 Tons in the Barclay I wish you
to get it forward as soon as you can conveniently, have
applications for 50 or 60 tons more than we expected since
I wrote you I have determined upon sending my Brig.
Mary, who will take the oil of the French Ships that
there will be none in the Barclay but indisputable
property — As Bill on London are now 6 p.r Cent above
par, we have concluded with our freighters on their pay.
the fo.t in London to take it a 80 /. stg. & 5 p.r C.t & those who
pay it here 88 /. the whole — the fr.t in Boston are 80 /.
& 10 p.r C.t p.d in London wh.r is equal to 92 /5 p.d here, you
will be at liberty, yet it is my Choice to have it in London
Homberg writes me 9 mo 22. Exch.e 9 d to 9 ½ d rising —
Sperm Oil 180 to 200 & Whale 140 p.r T.n 120 pota Bone 350.
to 400 — none of your Oil shall go in the ground tier —

Jambe

To Wm Gray Jun.r

11 mo 30

Thy obliging favour of 10.th I duly

to Alex.r & Benj.a Champion 11 mo 3a 1793 Hh

Since my last of 9 mo.r two
others of the Ships under the Orders of our mutual
frd.s B De Bauque have arrived here Viz.t the Brothers
D Swain with 60 Ton wh.e Oil & the Ed.a Micajah
Gardner with 1140 tons ditto, for the settlement with the
Crew of these Ships, I have also a request from B D B
the dft.s of the Captains upon you, I have accordingly
this day accepted D Swains Bill of Exchange upon
you at 30 days for £250 - & Micaj.a Gardners same
sight for £400 - When these Bills appear I crave
your attention to give them due honour - Capt.n Gard.r
left a Delago Bay 16.th 8 mo. the Benf.s I am with respect &c

to Boatt & Pratt 11 mo 30.

I rec.d your favour of 28. & am sat
isfyed with the premium you note say 6 p.r C.t not
doubting it is the higest given - altho a little time
past they have been higer - I now inclose
you two setts of Exchange of this date at 30 days
on Alex.r B Champion one dft by D Swain for
£250. & the other for £400 Sterl.g which you will please
to pass to my Cr. & say when it will suit you to pay part
or all the amo.t at the B Bank or if you will accept
my orders as occasion may occur of taking money here
I am with resp.t

to Jesse Putnam 12 mo 2.

By last post I rec.d thine of the 18.th & note
the Contents, my Offer of the Sperm Oil, I conceived to my
prejudice the amo.t of 4 mo interest, but I supposed with
the Whale Oil & Bone it would be equal - but since we
have wrote so much upon it, I will ship it at that
price if thy choice, & the fr.t if paid ~~here~~ in London shall
be as thou says 80/. & 5 p.r C.t but if paid here we cannot
take it under 10 p.r C.t - I shall be glad to know by next post
I am &c

To Parkman & Blake 12 mo 2. 1793

I am obliged by your favour of 27th ult. I wish the silks would do for you, & the hare I could sell at your Price if it would pay me for them but it will not, & I have sold a quantety in Boston higher than those are Charg'd in propotion to the Cost, rather than have them returned I will put the whole at £60. payable with the Ribbons if agreable to you — I can have the silk wound in small skeins if you think it will sell better — I am very respectfully yours &c &c —

12 mo 2. 1793

To V Homberg & Homberg freres

Ship May Capt. Bennett

Since my last of 10 mo 29. I am favoured with your Letters of 5th & 22d. Sept. the first covers a bill of Exchange drawn by Capt. Smith upon E H Derby for £50. Sterlg., this bill has been accepted, but as I demanded the value of £50. in London, the Exchange being 6 p% above what we nominally call Par, he hesitated until Capt. Smith arrived. Since the arrival of the Sally I have wrote again relying upon his honour to enable me to place to your Order the £50. (you lent him) in London otherways you will have only £47 — I have left it with my Frd. Wm. Gray Junr. of Salem to settle according to his judgmt. & the usage of Merchants in Boston. I expect in a few days to hear the result when your Orders shall be attended to of remitting it to our mutal friends Thos. Dixson & Co. London, I shall be pleased at all times to render you every service of this kind in my power, of which I beg you will freely command me. —

Your last letter contained Invoice of goods p the Sally Capt. Rumy Amount. £755. 9. 11 to your Cr. — which have proved very satisfactory as it relieves my mind from the fear of the loss I apprehended, & I have made so good Sales of both Invoices that I have a prospect of making a profit upon my adventure —

I have not yet discovered but your acct. Curt. is free

from error. I have not yet examined the Window Glass altho some of it is this day landed from Boston. it cost high but if of an excellent quality will make a tolerable remittance. ..... I wrote you dated 5 mo 1 & 11th which you have not noted the rec.t of: in the former (of which I sent dupliate) & I made some observations relative to the discount of 3 ₱ Cent upon your Sales, which I hope have reached you, & that you will permit me to crave your attention & reply. —

Influenced by the good encouragment you give me, both of the price of Oil & the exchange being expected to rise from 9.d, I have determ.d upon a pretty large shipment altho from the advanc.d price with us & the high fr.t it will make but little profit — however I hope you will be able to command a price for the Oil that will be adequate to the low Exch.e & that such goods may be obtained as to make a profitable voyage. — the Barclay Dav.d Swain Mar.r (our new Ship) is now loading & I hope will be ready in three weeks, she will take about 240 tons Oil — & finding more fr.t than I expected I have concluded to send my Brig.t Mary (ab.t 150 tons burthen) with another Cargo, She will be ready about the same time & I conclude most of those Cargoes will go into your hands. It is my determination that the Brig.t Mary be employ.d in such fr.t & business as can promise advantage in any line you may with the Capt.r think best. & I crave your particular attention to render her such assistance as may be in y.r power. — The Ship Barclay I hope will find a short fr.t that will be worth her employment that if my father thinks best to order it She may be in Engl.d at his command to accommodate our honoured Parents & Sisters with a passage home to their fond & anxious family — but as he dont wish to leave England until the 1st or middle of 5th mo (May) Should she have a short passage, She may be employed 3 months, & it will be a pity

for her to lay by all that time unless she can either in France or England obtain a very good Freight.

On the receipt of this information I beg your will examine the probability of this Ships obtaing business for her advantage even if it should over run the time above mentioned one or two months, & give my father information thereupon, will also be desired to communicate to you what Prospect he can see of a freight for London — & between both of you I cannot doubt but the Ship may be tolerably well accommodated — It is my wish for the Ship to go to London if it can be done with convenience in order to have her Copper'd, as she is otherwise provided for it. — In Order to lessen the risk on our respective Ships, Seth Russell & Sons & myself have exchanged Frs. & Inclosed you have Invoice & bill Ladg. of 106 Casks Sperm. Oil which I wish you to receive & dispose of only as you see a prospect of laying out the proceeds in articles already wrote for, or in London Exch. & this I wish you to observe that if you can dispose of it on such terms as to be able to remit to London £28. Stg. p Ton clear of all charges of Frs. & those charges that arise with you, I shall prefer it to your manufactures Shipp.d out, but as I have wrote for some of these, if they cannot be omitted without inconvenience to you, they must come, / the inclosed bills Lading expres the Frs. four pounds Stg. but it is the intention of Russells & myself that no Frs. be demanded on either their or mine, of which they say they will write you. —

7th I have last evening rec.d of a Bill of Exchange from Wm. Gray Junr. upon Harrison Insley & C.o for fifty Pounds Stg. at 60 days sight, Capt. Smith having paid the premium thereupon, this I shall immediately forward to our mutual frd. Thomas Dickason & C.o to be placed to your ~~credit~~ Accompt. — With due respect your Friend Sam.l &c

~~very resp~~

to Brothers De Bauque 12 mo 2. 1793

p the May Capt. Bennett Since my last of 9 mo 23. I am without any of your favour. I have now to inform you of the arrival of the Edward Capt. Mun. Gardner, with a fine Ship, Capt. Gardner Stopped at St. Helena & sent his boat on shore, wh. with his mate & Crew were detained 3 many invitations 3 fair promises sent off to him by the Governor to induce him to give up his Ship, after waiting two days he came off without those men, — he has gone this the messages at the Consuls Office & will soon effect settlement with the Crew in the mode you have prescribed — Capt. David Swain has this day given me a Bill of Exchange upon Alex. & Benj. Champion for 260 £ Stg. the Amo. of the advances upon the Brothers, 3 as this is the best time for negociating Exchange by my recommendation M Gardner has given me likewise a bill upon the same House for 100 £ both of which I have sold for 6 p C. prem.m — As the season of the year will soon stop our navigation & half the duty upon the Judiths Oil will soon become due if not exported, with the advice of Mark Coffin Capt Ray has concluded to dispose of it in the Channel I have hinted hereto fore to you, which I hope will meet his Owners approbation — Isaiah Hussey Tris Gadr. 3 Obed Fitch were at Delago Bay, 16th. of 8mo. nearly full Hus.s with 50 Tons & Fitch 60 Tons Sperm. James Whippy also with 300 b.s wh Oil — I shall soon write you again by our new Ship Barclay for Havre, wh. Ship D Swain has concluded to take the com.d off, not thinking his wait.g upon the Ship Brothers any longer necessary for his Owners interest — with respect I am &c.

12 mo 7. 1793

To William Gray Junr.

Since my last I am favoured with thine of 26th. Ulto covering thy Bill & Exch.g upon Harrisson Anstay & Co. for fifty pounds Stg. for Capt. Smiths Bill on E H Derby — I am very much obliged by thy kind attention to this business 3 also for acquainting dat.g me with this Bill, 3 request thou will accept my thanks therefor 3

whenever I can render thee any servic I shall gladly
accept thy commands — very respectfully thy Frd. Sam

12mo 7. 1793

To Peter Roe Dalton Esq.r
Cashier of the Branch Bank

I take the liberty of inclosing
thee for Collection J. Mitchell & Sons Order upon Capt. Jos.
Chase for 426 Dollars — Capt. Chase is of Nantucket & now goes
to Boston. also my Order on Bostt & Pratt for 1000 Dollars, wh.
which please to place to my Credit — Should my Check to E
Pope Esq.r of this date for 1300 Dollars be presented before those
collections are made — I crave thy indulgence to wait
their Payment. — with due respect thy Friend Sam

12mo 7. 1793

To Thomas R Jones

Thine of the 3d I duly rec.d with the
Sales of 34 Glasses. Nett lbs 146. 3. 6 which tho' lower than I hoped
some of them would sell for I think a tolerable Sale —
It is unexpected to me to find by a box of the Glass (wh.c I had
sent hire) that they are unframed, I suppose of course those
two boxes left with thee are plates also. they are from 35 in.s by 26
to 26 by 19 — I fear they will not do so well at your Market
but wish thou would buy the small Box № 2 wh.c contains
10 Glasses 31 by 20 in.s french a 90 l. 1d. 28 by 20 a 78 l. 1d. 26. 19 a 62 l.
the Price is about the same ₰ Livre cost that the last thou
sold went at — If thou thinks they will not come
near that wish them to rest for the present — Should
they go at those prices wish thee to sell the other Box which
contains 1. 35 by 26. 28 l. " 2. 34 by 25 a 150 l. 2. 33 by 25 a 145 l.
3 of 34 by 24 a 145 l. 2 of 32 by 29 a 135 l. 2 of 30 by 24 a 116 l.
2 of 26 by 23 a 104 l. — with usual respect I am thy Friend

12mo 12. 1793

To Jon.a Marsh

concluded 148

By Philip Mosher I have sent thee a
bar.l of tallow lb.s 263 with the cask wh.c thou will please
to weigh & deduct therefrom, on the top of the b.l there is
30 or 40 lb.s Mutton tallow wh.c I wish kept by itself & made up
for my own use. I wish them all made of common size

to Capt. Thos. Cottle 12 mo 20. 1793

Commander Brig. Union Thou being master of our Brig. Union we have entrusted to thy Care a Valuable Cargo, of abo. £1000 Lno Cart — which we recommend to thy very particular care. & advise thy proceeding to Antigua or such windward Islands as thou may judge best to answer for the sale of thy small Stock, & then from the best information thou can gain of the Markets, proceed for the Sale of the remaining Cargo. One Object we have in view is to turn this Property into Cash next Spring, & would not wish to have it laid out in produce provided thou can procure an advantageous for. or can sell the Brig. at 1400 or 1500 Dollars, if neither of these can be done & thou can purchase on easy terms good Sugar & Coffee or Molasses (with Hogsheads) we like the Vessel should be filled with such articles as will fill her at the least Cost, but we don't think it will do to calculate those articles to fetch higher next Spring if the War lasts, than good Sugar 10 dollars Coffee & & Molasses 1/6, thou must then Calculate the difference in Ex. & the duty 2½ Cents ℔ pound on Sugar & 1½ Cents on Coffee & 3 Cents ℔ Gal. on Molass. We have too much confidence in thy integrity to fear thy judgment will be guided in thy laying out the Money, by the Comm. that will arise to thee, therefore We pass that Subject & recommend that if thou does purchase a Cargo on our account, that if thou can reach Phila. early in the Spring 3 mo., we advise thy going there unless thou should find the markets there were unfavourable, in that case it may be best to stop to Wilmington & so to this Port, at Phila. we recommend thy Ly. on Pr. Joshua Gilpin & in New York on Ed. Prior — We strictly enjoin thy not taking any goods wh. by the law of Nations are Considered Contraband, nor purchasing on our ac. any Spirits or prize Goods

we are

Candles I suppose & to the b— Mosher is bound to Providence & will call at his return for the Candles we also put on b. 8 sm. boxes to put them in— when I know the wt. I will send the amo. with respect I am thy Friend &c

12 mo 12. 1793

To Richard Jackson Junr.

By Mosher I have sent thee 20 Boxes 8 sare white window Glass 9 by 7 which is of a superior quality. I cannot afford this at 9 Dollars, but wish thee to sell on the best terms thou can— If I have time in the morng. I think to put on board a box of Looking Glasses plates unframed— if I do not, I wish thee to give me thy judgment of the prospect of their Sale—

I hope thou will be able to send me the 6 bl. Cyder at this time— & if thou can with convenience send the Articles at foot it will oblige one of my neighbours a french family— with due respect I am & Friend &c

a good Hog fm 10 to 12 stone
do. Feathers in a tea cloth Bag

12 mo 16 1793

To William Rotch (my Father)
via Boston

I wrote thee by Scott, since wh. I have not had the pleasure of hearing from thee, our last advices were 9 mo. but we daily hope for later dates—

It has always been my wish that our new Ship Barclay (D. Ma.) should accommodate thee & our dear mother & Sisters with passages, & am pleased thou has also had it in view, She is nearly loaded with Oil for Havre intirely the property of American Citizens, without the least equivocation, that should she be Captured & detained in England I wish thy endeavours to reclaim the property & have the Ship cleared—

Having an Offer for more fr. than the Ship can take I have concluded to send the Mary also to Havre, John Hawes M. of her, & both vessels will doubtless sail before New Years day—

I have wrote Homberg by the May Capt. Bennett,
desiring that they would form the best judgment in their
power of either a short fr. for the Barclay in Europe or
one out to America, & give thee the earliest information of
their prospect, & then follow thy directions either to pursue
their plan & have the Ship to stop at some Port in the
Channell to take you in or go directly to London, to
ripen their judgment I crave thy early communication
with them, & such advice as thou may think best, adv.
therein as thou would for thyself, & if thou sees a pros-
pect of making a tolerable fr.t from London & it will
not be to soon for thee to leave Europe as early as she
can get away, it would be rather my Choice for her
to goto London & be Coppered & come out in the Spring
than if the prospect is good for her to go round Cape
Horn She will be in good season, & her expence is
so great it will be a pity for her to lay idle 2 or 3 month
but this will depend upon circumstances that will
be determined by her arrival in Europe —

She can be made very convenient for accomma-
dat.g passengers have.g 5 feet Stir between decks, that
I hope she can make something by that — the Ship
will make about £1000 fr.t to Havre —

Should the War continue its likely I should have
orders to Ship Over the Oil bro.t in hope by the french
Ships. & should that be the case, & the Ship & Brig. could
be back here in season therefor, there will be a
fr.t for each of them with what Strained Oil we
shall have — the Brig.t I shall order directly back,
provided Hawes can by informed from Dunkirk that
the Oil is Ordered to be Shipd or Sold — if not she is to go into
such freight.g business as promisses best — & I propose
for Wm Handy to take her as Hawes wishes to return —
Handy is now mate of the Barclay — The May has
turned out 100 tons Whale Oil a good voage for her —

with love & due respect in haste I am

Yr

150

12 mo 16. 1793

To Edward Davis

I wish thee to fill a Policy for fifteen hundred pounds upon the Ship Barclay & Swain Mr. at one & a half ₰ Cent ₰ month including ~~that~~ all risks that of a War breaking out with America or US. or any Loss or detention in consequence of the present European War &c the risk to begin upon the Ships leaving our River which I expect will be in the course of next week - bound to Havre thence to some Port in England or Elsewhere & back to America without any restrictions as to Place or destinations it is my expectation that She will go from Havre to London there to be Coppered & come directly to America, but I wish the Policy to be as unconfined as possible. She has nothing of her cargo, but nearly the Property of American Subjects - the premium is so high I don't like to insure any more, & I shall have besides this three thousand pounds in Ship & Cargo - The Ship valued at £4000 -

Please to add one hundred pounds stating to Capt. Fitches Policy for aut. Sam. Tobey, it being his wifes request. & if it cannot be done to that, please to fill a new Policy - I rely on thy care to the signers to my Policy - with respect Sam

12 mo 8. 93

To Silas Parker

Wanting a little money paid at Nantucket I request thee to pay James Coffins mother £15. 14. 10 desire thou will also pay Simeon Coleman £20. 16. 11 or if he had rather have 385 ℔. whale Oil desire thou would buy it on the best terms thou can & deliver to him - I was to have sent it to him, but I. Chace failg. of the fr. he engaged I want it to fill the Ship -

Sam

if Simr. chooses the Oil he must pay the 12 dolr. wh. I paid his son - - -

12 mo 8th. 93

To Simeon Coleman

Capt. Hawes bill is inclosed wh. I have due to thee 131 wt. Bone & 7 ℔. wh. Oil, the bone will

be sent if it can be put on board in season, for the Oil as at foot. Please to call on S. Parker who is desired to settle pay thee the ~~amount~~ balance or the amo. in Oil at £16. ₩ ton at thy Choice ----- with respect thy frd. Sam'l Dc

Tgn Bg. 4. ₩ Oil at 16. --- £24. 8. 11
Cash p. Bethuel .. 3. 12. ..
Balance £ 20. 16. 11

To Edward Davis 12 mo 23. 1793

Thy favour of 13th inst. I am before me & Sam very sorry for the alarming situation our Commerce is at present involved in — but I am so far from believing suppos'g. that the risk to the English Channell is encreased that I have no doubt but the premiums will soon be down again. & if not I shall not insure at so extravigant a premium without the dangers should appear much greater than at present — I understand Ships have been underwrote two months since against all risks upon a vessell employed in the Channell at 3/4 ₩ Cent ₩ month — in Boston — thou art mistaken I think in supposing that the Ship Penn (a French Ship) is involved in the new situation of our Commerce & I am quite free the insurance should be effected exclusive of the risk of Agression as she is doubtless furnished with a pass. & I never have heard that the truce between those nations have ever been broken — I inclose the note for the premium upon 6 Tuns insurance — thou calls the name Obadiah instead of Obed as I wrote thee, but suppose it will make no difference — I shall send the 6 by Henshaw — I am

To Jesse Pittnam can thou readily call for me 500 Dol. on Philadelphia at sight 12 mo 23. 1793

I have duly rec'd. thine of the 6th. I have Shipp'd for thy acc't. on board the Ship Barclay D Swain M.r 6 Bls Ca containg. 20 tons Spermaceti Oil, as ₩ Bill Lad'g. & Inv'e. inclosed the Ship will be ready in all this week. thy letters sent by this weeks Stage will be in time — I am thy friend

12 mo 22. 1793.

To Jo. Hussey

By thy Sales the present month brings due £7 or £800 - I have calculated from 20 to 2500 Dollars to draw upon thee if so much is due — I hope thou will be in Cash from those sales if not I must send my note for discounting — please write me how it is that I may if need full send my note next week, as I shall have occasion to draw upon thee for 1000 Dollars payable next week & the remainder I shall also want sent me same time as my business must be closed by new years Day — I am &c

To Boote & Pratt

12 mo 24.

I duly rec.d y.r fav. of the 4th & have availed myself as occasion has occurd of drawing upon you on acc.t of the amo. of 650 ℔ sent you day £918.13.4. Viz.

Jas. Bank —	300 -	
W Henshaw	100	
J Richelieu	24.6.7	
J Mayhew	14.15.10 ½	
Jno Carnes	30	469.2.5 ½

I shall now be very much obliged by your sending me by Wm Henshaw 500 Dollars in Silver & also pay P.r Blake. 50 or £60 - as they may choose take this order on me

I am

To Thomas Dickason & Co.
via Boston

12 mo 20. 1793

It is long since I have wrote or had the pleasure of rec.ing any of your esteemed favours, the Channell of our Commerce having led our Negociations in a way much less pleasing & upon more uncertainty, than it was during our Shipments to England, & I have the additional mortifications to find that experience in the negociations of Assignants, Livres &c has not yet proved a guard Against the depreciations of the French Currency —

One experiment more I am making wh.ch I hope

will prove more Successful, altho' we meet a fresh alarm from the late Captures of Algerines but I hope they will not be allowed to invade the Channell of England —

Our new Ship Barclay David Swain master is near Sailing for Europe, & also the Brig.ᵗ Mary John Hawes mast. the for.ᵐ belong.ᵍ to my brother Thomas Roth & myself & the later to myself only should they meet any detention or should be under necessity of applying for your assistance, I crave your attention to them, ~~freight~~ from the freight of those two Ships I expect will be remitted to you about £1500 — & the Barclay I think probably may go to London for for.ᵐ to America, in Order to make a conveyance for my father & family who we are very anxious to have returned to us —

I do not expect any great freight but as the Ship will be convenient for passengers perhaps she may make it do better than to go elsewhere & we want her back early in the Summer, I have wrote my father upon this Subject & requested him to give the earliest intelligence to Homberg of the probability of a freight & to what amount & they will determine to send her or not, should my father be absent at the rec.ᵗ of this I beg your attention to this subject & that you will write Homberg & Homberg Freres at Havre your opinion thereupon, I want the Ship to go to London to be Coppered, if she can be in way of business — but if thro' the danger of the Algerines our Flag is left destitute of freight perhaps it may be best to go to Limmington for Salt, the price of wh.ᶜ I wish you to inform our Havre Friends —

By direction of Homberg & Homberg Freres, I inclose you Wm. Gray Jun.ʳ Bill Date Salem Nov.ʳ 26. upon Harrison Insley & Co. London for forty pounds Ster.ᵍ wh.ᶜ I have indorsed to you to be plac.ᵈ to their Credit

Sam

154 To Jo. Hussey

12mo 28. 1793

Thy favour of 26 I have rec.d. I am obliged by thy assurance of paying my drfts for 1000 Dollrs During insome expectation of 90s. to Phila.a next week I shall be absent several weeks. I have calculated to finish my payments before I leave home, but fear I shall not be able to do it without anticipating ano.r 1000 Dl.s from thee, if after thy several bills so much is due from the former Sales of Candles wh.ch I believe thou will find there is — I am unwilling to call upon thee untill thou hast rec.d payment for thy Sales. & I have ever been cautious therof. I would not so repeatedly write thee upon this subject, but for my present peculiar situation; having a large property just gon.e to sea — & about leav.g home my self — I write this to inform me thy prospect of the time thou may be in Cash, & if I can delay my payments untill thou can send the balance to my bro.r Thomas, I will do it — in the mean time I am &c

12mo 27. 1793

To L. Homberg & Homberg frers

p.r Barclay Cap.n David Swain

Herewith you have dupliate of my last respects by the May Cap.n Bennet who Sailed since wh.ch I am without any of your favours — The Barclay Cap.n D Swain & Brig.t May Cap.n I Hawes are now upon the point of departure for Havre —

The alarms we have had for a few days respect.g the Algerine Cruizers entering the Atlantic Ocean & reports of several American Ships by Captured by them, has struck such a panic amongus, that we have almost hesitated to send the Barclay but presum.g those pirates will not penetrate the

Channell this winter if allowed there to by their allies
the
& hope that if there should be a prospect of their being
in our way next season, those vessells may probably
be early out on their return & thereby escape them;
We have concluded to risk them, And notwithstand-
what I have heretofore written relative to the employ-
ment of those Ships in Europe, should those dangers
continue from that Nation of Robbers, I wish the ut-
most exertion to facilitate their departure so early in
the Spring, as to escape give them a better probability of
escaping those Captors, & in this case I wish what goods
can be got ready to be put into the Brig^r & if the object
of her fr^t or what she can gain for our neighbourhood
is not sufficient for her to return directly to America
I wish her if no impediment in the way to go to Lisbon &
fill up with Salt, Your decision on this Subject must
be determined by your own opinion on consult^g Cap^n
Hawes, the same we wish for the Barclay, that she may
dispatched as soon as Cargo is out, after balasting in the
Cheapest manner — either for London or Lisbon as
may appear best upon the advices of my father, or our
mutual fr^ds Tho^s Dickson & C^o whose attention to this
Subject I have requested & expected they will write to you
thereupon, after which we must leave it to your & Cap^n
Swain to decide as you may think best — You will
please to observe that the 121 casks whale Oil marked H.DS
WH JD in the Barclay as per inclosed Certificate are all Oil Caught
by french Ships, & will be exempted from the Duty of 6^p
100. being part of several Cargoes sold here of ships who have
taken Shelter in this Port, your attention to make us
this saving is requested as also to send me a Certificate
either from two merchants or from the Revenue Office
of the Land^g of those Casks, to entitle me to the drawback
of the Duty this Oil pays here by being the produce of foreign
Fishery — The same also of the Mary Cargo of 29 Ca
marked B ✠ ~~22 Ca~~. PR 23 Ca HH 37 Ca LT 12.

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15 Ca M G M 4 Co C B 4 Ca 2 C 1 ℔ H 7 Ca

℔ 131 bundles Bone B # 22 d.° # 10 d.° P R 13 H 5 ℔ C 5 P J

as ℔ Certificate inclosed — Certificate also of the land.ᵍ of those ℔ the May is also necessary for the drawback wh.ᶜ I crave your attention to —

This will cover to your Invoice & Bill Lading of 288 Ca wh.ᶜ & 50 Ca Sperm Oil & 99 bundles whale bone ℔ the Barclay on my own acc.ᵗ. Also 352 Casks Whale Oil & 871 Bundles Bone ℔ the May — all wh.ᶜ desire you receive & dispose of on my account as heretofore & not be sold any faster than the property can be realized in Goods or in London Exchange — The whole fr.ᵉ of the Ship & Brig.ᵗ that is payable in Sterling please to remit as soon as possible to our mutual frd.ˢ Thos. Dickason & Co.ᵉ for my account. To those friends in my letter of 20.ᵗʰ goes the bill of Exchange for fifty pounds ordered to your Credit —

Not withstanding what I have wrote on the other side I request you will remit four hundred pounds Stg. as soon as may be to Lancaster Bros & Ellis 2 Lawn street Cheapside London for acc.ᵗ my uncle T Roith this I consider out of the fr.ᵉ in the remittance for wh.ᶜ my brother T Roith & myself with that the same fr.ᵉ be remitted upon our own Oil in both Ships say 80 £ Stg with 5 ℔ C.ᵗ primage including the fr.ᵉ Shipd by J Russell & Sons in the Barclay to be charged the Sales of the Sperm Ship by me in their Brig.ᵗ May if arrived —

Many fears have been entertained in this Country of our being involved in a War with great Britain this makes us anxious for both those Ships to leave Europe as early in the Spring as possible, & I hope from the early rec.ᵗ of my Orders for Goods you will have them in season to dispatch the May with very detention as I would much much rather the amo.ᵗ of my sales should

Should be remitted to London. at very little profit than to have the May detain'd long for Goods as we are apprehensive Salt will pay a good frt. next Spring, from the alarms ~~of that article~~ from the Algerines which will doubtless prevent much of that article coming into this Country — and should any material change in your commerce take place, so as to obstruct the remittances to London, or prevent your Shipping the amo. in Goods

It is our wish that the Ship Ship & Brig. may both with our Oil to Amsterdam, upon wh. Subject our Masters have particular Orders, but the frt. not belong'g to our family must must be Landed unless you think it for their safety & advantage to let it alone — this only mention to guard against the worst events, without any apprehension of taking place — Should you find that the rise of your goods is greater than the course of Exchange, or that you can sell my whale Oil so as to remit to my frd. Thos. Dickson & Co. Eighteen Pounds pounds St. p. ton after paying the frt. & all Charges with you I had rather it was done than to receive any goods at all events, I wish the Oil sold no latter than the proceeds can be made use of unless you are in danger of being invested — as I am unwilling to suffer any more by the loss of Exchange & Rise of Goods, your judgment must finally be relied upon, & therein I feel Confidence —

I have some remittance to make to Brothers De Bauque, & as it is to be done in the Currency of France I wish you to follow their directions therein as I do not wish they should suffer by the fluctuation of your medium. leave them at liberty to take part of those Shipments of Oil to their avantage & if they choose it I wish you to follow their directions therein —

I wish to have the bone sold as speedily as possible or as will be consistant with my interest as also the little panne by ~~prince~~ Prince in 1792 —

You will please to furnish Capt. Swain & Capt Hamm with what money they may stand in need of — I am

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12 mo 31. 1793

To Capt. David Swain
Commander of Ship Barclay

Thou being master of our Ship Barclay we recommend thy making the greatest dispatch in performing thy passage to Havre, & on thy arrival, if thou finds theres danger to be apprehended from the Algerines we advise thee to have the Ship Discharged, & if it appears best for our interest, make the greatest expedition in leaving that port & go to Limington & take a Load Salt drawn upon our friends Thos. Dickson & Co. thereof. Write also to our father W. Roth at Augustus Coves, No. 62 Grace Church Street London & follow his advice in thy proceedings but if he does not conclude to take passage with thee leaves thee at liberty to take thy own Course we wish that thou may leave Europe with all possible dispatch, & go to Boston if Loaded with Salt, as we shall not find a mar. ket here — This Country has met with great insults from the Ships of Great Britain, & we know not what the deliberations of the present setting of Congress will produce. Should it terminate in a defensive resentment we do not think War can take place until after the Barclay may leave Europe, of this we can have not doubt from the wisdom of our court, as the commerce of this Country will be in a bad condition to be exposed to War until next Summer, We shall write to our father, stating thee matters to him & represent the necessity of thee Ships being away early in order to govern his determinations —

Should he think best to order her to London or elsewhere I wish the to follow his advise, —

In the present critical situation of things in the Commercial World, it will require great circumspection, to maintain the Neutral Flag, & I wish thy utmost care therein, not to take any freight on board that can endanger the vessell from either party — thou will endeavour attend to balast the vessell if She leaves Havre without freight in the cheapest & safest manner — I should like a few tons

Plaister of Paris for manure if it should be convenient to take it — Perhaps it may in England pay the first cost for manure, if so it will be better than to take balast that will not sell, —— If more convenient for the Mary to tary longer in Havre to make up a freight, I am very willing thou or any of the Officers should not be able to take your goods in the Barclay you may equally have your priviledge on board the Brig.ª, ——

Should thou go to London the Staves will sell best there, & I wish thee to go take on board what the Mary has & I would have them brought back for dunnage unless they will sell at a good price, they cost me 16 dollars ₩ M 200

Should thou go to London, We Wish the Ship to be Copperd. as far up as half way from the floor heads to the light water line & not higher, with Copper that will last 4 or 5 years having the sheathing boards put on first We also want if the Ship should not obtain a full fr.ª ab.ª 60 tons second hand Oil Casks if very good & Cheap with very thick hoops, to stow her ground for a whale voyage, that is upon the supposition that the probability will appear in favour of the Ship being employed in the Fishery — on these matters thou will consult my father & Thos Dickason & Co. get a good Iron hearth for the Ship, & a good quantity of Junk if reasonable, —

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1 mo 1. 1796

To Thomas R Jones

Since mine of 7 Ult. I am without any of thy favours, I have not hitherto requested thee to pay the bal: of the last Sales say £26.3.6 to the B Bank I crave thy doing it as soon as thou can, as my Chicks will anticipate it next week — I find on compar: the Glass plates rec: they are advanced in price of course I have rated them higher than I supposed, that if they will sell at not more than 10 ℔ Cent discount from my prices I wish them sold —

I am &c —

To Capt: John Hawes

1 mo 1. 1796

Thou being master of my Brig: May now bound to Havre I request thy very particular attention in delivering the Cargo as Consigned to our mutual frs: Homburg & Homburg fres: as speedily as may be, as I fear this Country may be next summ: involved in a War. I wish thee to do every thing power to forward thy departure from Havre, I have long since ordered a large amount of Goods purchased that they may be ready as soon as the Brig: is ready I have wrote the Consignees to urge their strict attention to dispatch thee with all possible speed, thou art at liberty to take frs: for any new England port or New York, but observe if the object of the frs: for more than one port is not sufficient for the Brig: to go to deliver it to endeavour if possible to avoid the expence of shipping it on the Brigs account — As I shall have a large property in Havre when the Barclay & May arrives I want the May to stay as long as prudence will allow if thereby the Goods can be brought away

as the situation of that Country is too precarious for for me to be willing to risk property there long but in this thou must govern thy self by the news of the day for if there appears a prospect of danger from the Algerines it will be necessary to leave Europe as early as possible to be out of danger from them, & in that case if no considerable freight appears, I think the Brig: had best go to Livingston's Load with Salt, for the amo: of wh: thou will draw upon my fr: Thos Dick-son & Co: to whom also and to my father at Augustus Coves No. 62 Grace Church Street London, do thou write should thou meet with any detention in any part of England. also write one of them in the Channell if thou has one opportunity as thou goes up, inform of thy arrival as also of the situation of the Barclay if within thy knowledge — If thou takes Salt I wish thee to go to Boston with it & write me immediately by the Stage on thy arrival — I wish thee also to write me by all vessells bound to the Continent informing of the prospect for fr: & of the time thou will sail —

" 4th please request H & Homberg freres at Havre to receive
" the 291 Ca wh Oil marked B ✠ & 131 bundles whale bone
" same mark, by the Mary & follow the directions of Bde
" Bauguer & Dunkirk with respect thereto, remitting
" the fr: agreeable to bill Lading. this given in private
" letter & same to Capt: Swain —

If thou lacks balast in coming out thou may bg a few tons plaister paris — with the prosperity: I am

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1 mo 3. 1794

To Thomas Dickson & Co.

I wrote you 20th ult.o du-
plicate of which will accompany this, which serves to
cover Wm. Gray Junr. second bill upon Harrison Anstey
& Co. for for £50 Stg. wh.: you will please to receive
& place to the Cr. of Co. Homberg & Homberg pres.o Havre —

This Covers Benj.a Coleman's draft upon
Dunkirk for £230 Stg. endorsed to you
which you will please receive & place to my Credit
& if payment should be refused, please return it with
protest — One bill I have inclosed my brother Benj.a to
be presented for acceptance & sent to you in order to
facilitate the negociation — Should the Barclay
get to London & not find a freight Capt.n Swain has
directions to seek for 50 or 60 Tegers if to be purchased cheap.
& I wish a few tons of Chalk — also one or two tons white
one or two tons red Lead if not more than 2 Cs. please
also send me 5 Ct. white Lead qn.s in ¼ Ct. Kegs 5 to 6 Cs.
ditto in two or three Ca 5 to 6 Cs. dry white Lead. 5 two
Rolls thin Shut Lead — I am &c —

added to Homberg's letter in 157 12 mo 27. 1793

You will please observe the Cask
on b.d the Barclay marked II — the cont.s of which you
will please ship out in either the Barclay or Mary in 6 by 8
or 7 by 9 window Glass, if not to be purchased, please to ship
in framed Looking Glasses of ab.t 24 by 18. to 30 by 21. Inches
if neither of those Articles come please remit it with
the rest of the Cargo — I wish if remitted you will please
note, as it belongs to another person, or I should not have
thus trouble you — I am &c — — —

To Mark Coffin 1 mo 4. 1794

Conformable to thy recommendation I have shipp'd by the Brig Mary John Hawes Mas. all the Judith's Oil & bone in my own name & sent a private letter by Hawes & Davis Swain directing Hon-berg to follow Brother De Bauque directions respecting it,

The late alarms has risen insurance & as I am bound from / home with this to write my brother Thos. Robth which thou thinks will be most agreeable to the concerned to insure at 2½ against the risks common peace with, or against all risks 4 p Cent was the premium for that, but of late the Under-writers have hesitated to write at that, I with thy advice which will be followed — I am &c —

to Jas. Hussey 3 mo 3. 1794

I reached home the 28th ult & found thy favour of 19th I shall in a few days draw for the 1000 Dollars for thou note to be ready —

I hope thou will be able to keep the price up to 29 for candles — Our prospect was never less for a further supply of head Matter, that after we have sold candles sufficient to pay our debts, I had rather have them lay on hand than sell them at that price —

Our Award is intended to be laid made before Taunton Court this month, where it will be proper to make thy arrangments accordingly as also for Sylvanus who will have a larger balance than he apprehended, but thine will be less —

I shall be much obliged by thy information by next post, what is the present value of whale Oil & Sp Spermaceti — I can command about 100 tons of the former provided it should be exported from this port to save the Drawback, should any of thy friends want any that quantity I shall be obliged by thy advising them of, as I shall like to save a Commission upon it — I am &c —

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To Joseph Anthony & Son

My departure from Phila. was so sudden & rather unexpected that I did not find time to call at your Store, as was my intention —

By Capt. Bunker who said the morning following my reaching home, my Brother have Shipd to you a quantity of very good Strained Oil, which hope you will be able to put off on good terms, ~~not~~ notwithstand'g. several Vessells are perhaps on their way from Nantucket Strained Oil will undoubtedly be a ~~scarce~~ scarce article next season, that if it can be preserved from leakage I would rather keep it than to sacrifice it, your judgment is however sufficient to guide herein, & in that confide — I shall be obliged by your remitting me a Check upon Boston Bank for nearly the balance of my Acc'mpt as it stood when I left Philadelphia —

Please also to send my by Bunker, a Barrel of best Beer & a half d°. of Crackers (New) — and inform me what whale Oil will probably command ~~d~~ at your market & if there is any Sale for wh°. Bone — with respect I am &c.

3 mo 3. 1794

To Edward Davis

The friendly attention I have heretofore experienced from thee, induces me to trouble thee again, & to request thy favour for me a Notarial Copy of a Power of attorny given my by John Fleming for receiving Int°. upon Stock in his name on Appletons Books, which I left in the intent Office, it is that I may obtain a quarters interest returned to the Office in Phil°. last Spring unclaimed. at that time I sent forward a Copy, but it coming to hand before the transfers had reached their Books, my friends neglected it & lost the Power — the expence I will gladly remit thee with payment for thy trouble — Please also inform

me the Price of London Exchange —

As I have some expectation of depositing some Money in Bank Stock in the Course of the ensuing season, I shall be obliged by thy sending me if convenient the Charter of the Union Bank, also the present Price of Shares therein with such observation upon the advantages derived to the Stock holders as thou art free to communicate. Particularly if thou thinks the large Stocks of that Bank can be as well improved as the Stocks of the others, if it can it will have my preference, from the knowledge I yet have

Please also say if any Ship is up for England or France with much love & sincere respect thy friend Sam[l] Ca

3 mo. 6. 1794

To Simeon Cayan

The foregoing is a Statement of thy acc[t] on my Books previous to thy Sons going in the Negre the Bala. I Ch[d] the Ship. supposg it would be settled in 2 Or 3 & that sum ought to be paid, with the 12 dollars I sent thy Son as I have no Copy of my letter I know not what great difficulties thou found in it, & I am equally at a loss to know the meaning of thy misterious writing — but shall be quite easy when the acc[t] is settled, as I have to much busines upon my hands to be well pleased with writing much more to so little purpose — I think thou was knowing to the above debt, as I think thou mentioned it to me when last here — with respect Sam[l]

3 mo. 6. 1794

To Edward Davis

I am much obliged by thy kind attention to my ~~kind~~ request in giving me the observations upon the Bank Establishment, & procuring copy of a power for which please accept my thanks. Wm Meredith will be requested to pay thee 6/ for the Copy — As soon as I can make my arrangments to command 4 or 5000 Dollars

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I think to invest it in Union Bank Stock, in procuring which its probable I shall again crave thy Assistance — Should any favourable occasion present to purchase on low terms, I shall be obliged by thy information in course of two or three months — I am requested by Capt. Paul Ray of Nantucket to have £100 Lmo insurance made upon oil & Bone belonging to him Shipd on board Brig Mary John Hawes Master for Havre, on which vessell there has already had a Policy filld for me & one for Capt. Hawes, he requests it may be made against the Sea & Algarines — the latter I look upon as nothing, as the vessell sailed about 11th of 1mo (Jany.) & I think 3 p% will be adequate premium, but I leave this to do the best thou can, — in hast I am &c

3mo 8. 1794

To Citizen Dannery
French Consul

Capt. Hussey of this Benjamin being on the point of leaving this place to go to Nantucket last week recd. thy letter of 16th ult.o & as his Owners had appointed me their agent, he requested me to reply thereto, & tho I was absent from home when settlement was made with his Sailors, I have examined into it, & I have not discovered but it is done right, his owners long since forwarded me their charge against the Sailors, & Laurence Yates was 302 ℔ which charge him at 7/6 p Dollar to be the value when they sailed from Dunkirk that Debt which with the Cloathing &c Capt. Hussey shipped him with on the voyage, overrun the amo. of his Share landed here 40 ℔ Lmo — Capt. Hussey has taken several depositions proving that his shipg. the property on board two Nantucket Ships for the general safty of the convoy was agreed to by every man on board — one of those ships has bro. the property in safe & the other was robbed of it at St. Kitts

Vatels Share of that arrived will go to his Credit,
but as he has contracted (so many) debts in this
Town much more than the amt. thereof, he can
have nothing to receive — I have no doubt a
true Statement of Capt. Rapsys Conduct than will
justify every step he has taken relative to his Cargo &
Crew — If thou wishes any further communication
upon this subject I will endeavour to procure such
as will satisfy thee — himself & owners I believe
are persons of principle who would not wrong any
one of single Shilling — with respect I am &c

To Hazard & Robenson 3 mo 12. 1794

Your favour of 28th ult. reached
me yesterday — & Note your having Sold the Oil & Bone
of the Dauphin, at Prices which if they could be realized
without much deduction would do well, but my friend J
Thibaud informs me there is a very great discount upon
your paper, this subject I wish you had noted to me that I
have taken some measure to procure Produce, if that
could be done upon better terms, I note your reply
upon my proposition relative to the Commission,
My fellow Agent on his first information of the Ships arrival
says "we must take care we dont pay more than 2½ p
Ct. Com. in Charleston, it will be necessary you mention
"it to the Agent there". I had from that hint reason to
suppose that it was not uncommon for Contracts to
be made relative thereto, & he is a man of information
& well versed in business, I have not the least doubt he
knew it was so, & I am well satisfied that in his Hand & in
New York, his information is thro' respectable Houses,
Notwithstanding it may be the prevailing practice
of your Merchants to hold up the idea of high Comm.
I noted it to you in the other form, as quoting the
Philadelphia Pratice supposing it would be easier
for you to make us an allowance, than to reduce

the Com: since you had constantly charged me the same — but I think on such valuable Cargoes some abatement might be made" — However I trust you will Charge us no Com.s on remittances when made in Money or exchange & only 2½ if in produce — for if you should I must have all the care & trouble of my Agency for nothing, as I could not have the face to make any addition — I wish your information if good London Exchange can be procured & at what rate, ~~such~~ such as will undoubtedly receive due honour — I have a Sloop (Susa) & Thanah Mitchel Master employed from Willmington, I shall write him that if he has no immediate employ, to better advantage, to go to Charleston take a fr.t of Rice to Boston, should he call upon you. I wish you to Load him with Rice for acc.t of one half the Sales of the Owners Share of the Oil & Bone, consigning to me — this I premise with a view of making a saving upon the discount upon your paper — if ~~we~~ we are misinformed, & you can remit the money either to London with only 5 ℔ Cent loss or this way without any, I had rather have no Rice Shipd provided a fr.t can be got for the Susa, if not I wish you to follow this request — if you have not paid of J Prentis who is a minor, I find his father has sold here besides what demands I have given you an acc.t of 38 his voyage I suppose you have finished with him if not I can receive all or part if you will oblige one of my neighbours — In haste with respect I am —

3 mo 14. 1794

To Jesse Putnam

Is the amo.t of the Inv.o of Oil Shipd by the Barclay on thy acc.t becomes due on the first of next month. I have this day drawn upon thee at 20 days date for 2047 77 Cents equal to £614.6:8 in favour B Bank, wh.h I shall be obliged by thy pay.t on due — If thou has any intelligence of the Prospect

of our Oil in France I shall be obliged by thy communicating it — My father writes me from London 12mo 6 that both kinds are in great demand in France that they command good Prices & that the Nation are the purchasers & in some instances have paid in Specie & given Liberty for it to be brought out of the Kingdom — I hope our Speculation will turn out well — with due respect I am thy Friend &c

To Peter Rae Dalton 3mo 11. 1794

I shall be obliged by thy having the above order presented for Acceptance, & when paid place it to my Credit — with respect I am &c

Order on Jesse Putnam 20 days date Dol. 20 67 cts

3mo 13. 1794

To Elkanah Mitchell

If thou art not in way of doing better with the Susa than to go to Charleston & take a freight for Boston, I wish thee to do it as speedily as possible, & apply to my friend S & R there who have my directions to give thee a freight — Should thou have an opportunity of selling her for not less than one thousand Dollars, thou art at Liberty to do it, but at a less price than that considering the fr: she will make this way & the advantage she will be to me for a Lumber freighter this summer I had rather not sell her. Thy family are much as ~~they~~ when thou left them, The Penn was taken in Delago Bay, & arrived at Cape of Good Hope, but I conclude thou heard this information before thou left Bedford — I shall on the other side give thee Authority ~~an~~ to sell the Sloop which thou may cut off, as it will be ~~not~~ necessary to exhibit the Office do bring us a few sweet Potatoes — if thou comes from N. Carolina this way if thou art not full I shall like to have 100 barrels Tar, with respect I am &c

3 mo 21. 1794

To Wm Burroughs

I now inclose thee my acct. Curr.
bal.a in my favr. 11/2 wh.h was long since finished during
my absence but neglected being sent thee — I wish to
hear the Glass was sold. but as we have some prospect
of a War, I shall not be uneasy at having it on hand.
By Mosher I have sent thee 20 boxes Candles of excellent
quality, 3 pr. the present Stale of things would have thee
hold them for 2/9, 3 on the sound of War being allayed. I wish
the sale stopd as they must materially rise — 3 without a
without a War the prospect was never less for Head matter
than the ensuing summer — If thou can send me
by Mosher a good Barrel of Cyder for Bottling please to do it.
with respect I am &c

To Richard Jackson

3 mo 21. 1794

To David Anthony

By P Mosher I have sent thee 20 boxes
Spr. Candles wh.h I wish thee to hold for 2/9. 3 should war take
place I wish the sale stopd immediately as they must be
very high — Inclose the a few patterns of silks that I have
on hand, which I wish thee to inform me the value of
The velvets have about 7 qrs or 9 qrs in a pc 3 is 24 inches
wide the pink satin 30 inches wide ab.t 2 1/4 yds 3 the blk
padusoye 5/8 wide — The velvet for the Coat ought to bring me
15/ pr yd the pink 9/ 3 the black 10/ — thy opinion upon the
probable sale I shall be glad of — with respect I am &c

3 mo 21. 1794

To Gibbs 3 Channing

I avail my self of the first con-
veyance that has presented since the Spring opened to
forward you some Candles on acct. the Hemp, which
have been ready a considerable time — I have put
them at 2/8 upon hearing that ~~my neighbour~~
our mutual frd. Js Roberson sells at that price
but our limits every where are 2/9. 3 should a

War take place we shall stop their sale, as they must very considerably rise — I also think to put on board Mosher some stained Oil to make up the 6 tons you concluded to take last fall — & I shall endeavour when time of payment comes, to have the money ready — meantime, if you can negociate a bill on Charleston I shall be glad to pay it immediately as I wish to settle my business as speedily as possible fearing that our heretofore Happy Country will be involved in Calamities of a distressing nature, & my own property is abundantly more exposed than it ever was before, to such an event — & I am anxious to pay as fast as I can, that should I hear of its loss — I may be clear of Debt — I am very sorry for the losses I am told you lately suffered — Our whole hemisphere seems darkly Clouded, but I cannot but hope the disasters attendant upon the British Arms at Toulon, will induce her proud Court, to lessen her depradations upon us & seek our Friendship — the approaching season seems big with the fate of even Nations — May we yet be preserved in peace & quiet is my ardent desire — if you gain any information relative to Peace or War I shall be obliged in a participation thereof — I have a letter from Debauque at Dunkirk dated Nov.r 14. wh.ch says the Bedford is comg. out where to or for what I have not heard —

Since writing the above Capt. Delano who has just reached town, informs me he left Dunkirk 19.th that Capt. Haydon was coming out with his family to Newport in the Bedford, that he had been long prevent from the difficulty of obtaing. a Crew, by an American vessel being lost on the sand, the Crew had agreed to come in Bedford —

with respect I am &c —

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3 mo 24. 1794

To James Tisdale

I wrote the last week by a passinger in thy Ship for India, I have now inclosed thee a bill of the expenses I have been at in Stageing the Ship Amot. to £20.12.9. Should any more bills be presented I shall pay them. but as Brownell at Westport will pay those in his Neighbourhood it is not probable I shall be called upon —

I have done the busines upon as economical terms as I should if my own, I hope it will meet thy approbation — for the use of the Casks I for my own little attention to this business thou art very welcome —

Should thou want a Cargo of Whale Oil I Bone purchased for that Ship, or any other, I am daily expecting from Europe a Person who will have the direction of sufficient Quantity to load her, that is under my care, I it is not improbable that it will be sold — in which case I shall be glad to serve thee —

If thou will place to my Credit in the Branch Bank the amount of my Bill I inform me thereof it will be convenient for me —

with much esteem I am &c

To Edmund Prior

3 mo 26. 1794

I wrote thee last week by Th. Clark, I have last evening rec. thy favr. of 19th I am much obliged by thy care of my letters, which if they came to thee by Post with expence please to place to my acct. —

Thou omitted the Bill of Charges upon the Cotton I Coffee, which may not be necessary provided the inclosed letter from Th. Russell to me proves satisfactory to Constable, of which doubtless TR also wrote them — Thy Commis. for rec.g I settling duties I &c., thou will please to place to my acct. as I do not suppose Constable will pay it, I it is not right thou should have all the trouble for nothing —

I inclose thee has several neglected Sales I also Sales of the last 11 b.l Pork all which are placed to thy Credit,

the Pork to Alden Inorder thee lately could not be collected, until the ensuing fall — when I have but little doubt it will come into my hands, I shall charge him interest upon it — If I can accomplish thy Acc.t Curr.t shall send it in such a form that thou may clear it on thy Books & return to me & I will conform mine — as I wish to have it cleared intirely in view — but a few days since I discovered an error in thy last balance — thou charges me £24.10. Prem.m upon Snow Freelove, Capt. Mayfield, paid 25/7 & left a fr.t bill of £23.4.5 to collect which was to pay that Prem.m this fr.t he afterwards rec.d himself & paid to me with Orders to remit it to thee, I Credited in thy acc.t & thou Charges it to me say £21.5.8 which sum as the whole Prem.m was Ch.d me & thou had only Credited 25/7 paid by Mayfield aught not to appear on thy Charge, thou will please to looke into it & if I am right conform it —

Thou made thy last balance in my favour 63.9.6½
& over Credited me Sales 16.d liver Oil . . . 3.5.7
£60.3.9½

I think 20 b.ls Pork may sell — this Spring if thou has a mind to send it by Wilbur — He will probably continue in the N.t River Trade the whole season & any fr.t thou may have for him will be gratefully received — Prime Porke will best suit this market — I have put on b.d Wilbur 20 boxes 7 by 9 Glass (French) 10 boxes are white Alsace very good Glass, if thou has a Sale for it that thou thinks better than he will have for it up the River I wish thee to take out as much as thou pleases — I sold it at 9 Dollars for the best & 8 for the other — I should have sent more Candles but conclude thou hast yet on hand, please inform me when sold or near gone —

1794

To David Wilbur
Commander of Sloop Mayflower

3 mo 26. 1794

I wish thee to consult my
Fr.d E Prior & if he thinks he can do better with the
Glass than thou can up the River thou may leave
what he Chuses to take - & if thou can sell the other
within one Dollar of the Charge I wish thee to, but
if thou can make some advantage in the Sale
by giving a few months Credit in safe hands I like it,
perhaps by taking part Staves & poles thou may do it.
I wish thee to take two hogs. on b.d & me by me them
full of good Shorts - please also bring me as hoop-
poles as thou can take, also one thous.d long head
thick & good, & as many staves & heading together as
thou can with convenience from the sale of
the Glass. I wish for 36 2m very good 36 inch Staves
& heading & 1m also of 42 inch

I expect E Prior will some Pork by thee
& please to call on J Thebaud (Called Tibbod) a
Frenchman nearly opposite E Prior, as it's prob
able he will have some head Matter & Oil to send
me - I wish thee also to get me 10 or 12 b.s Oats -
if thou can sell the Glass for good prime ~~pork~~ Beef not exceeding
one ~~bbl for~~ a barrel I shall like that - I hope thou will be able
to J Thebaud to bring me a few b.s Rye 3 mo 24. 1794

I am anxious to know what has
become of the Dauphin, & sincerely wish I could hear
she was well Safe - I have several letters from my
uncle the latest dated in 8.r but none of them give
any decided directions relative either to Vessels or Oil,
that I think we must wait further letters which we
may expect by the Spring Ships - If thou can find
the Head & Matter of the Betsey, I shall be glad to have
it by Cap.t Wilbur, who I shall request to call for it on
his return from North River - If thou can separate

the Sperm Oil for the whale I think it will be best to sell it. But in its present State it is not so valuable for the use of this Country as our Strained Oil which sells for £6.5.- p barrel Pray Cunning with you & if thou thinks best to send it to me, I will exchange it for that kind thy paying the fr.t one way - it is unfit for use until it is Strained - The Head Matter I shall also take of the Negro - & if thou can sell her Sperm Oil, I will send it to thee Strained if thou wishes it, as it will not sell here for more than 100 Dollars p ton - One half the Duty I shall soon have to pay if not exported in about 6 weeks - my last letters of 12mo 6. say that Oil was in great Demand at Havre that the Commissioners Purchase it & at good Prices & in some instances have given liberty to bring out Spirit for it - should this continue to be the case will it not be best to ship it? - but I fear we shall not be able to find vessels to carry it on account the Algerine risk -

I am with respect &c

to Tho.s Dickason Jun.r 3mo 29.th 1794

I am at present very anxious for the fate of our Country, for the alarming apprehensions of a War with Great Britain, & fear that should take place our Govern.t will seize every thing that is British in compensation for the unjustifiable seizures of ameri.n Vessels - If thou art under any alarms on this account, & I can cover any of your Property due in this Country it will give me pleasure - One mode I have thought of wh.ch I will suggest for thy consideration - the Ship Barclay & Brig.t Mary both sailed for Havre 11.th of 1st m.o last for the fr.t of those Ships I ordered £1200 stg remitted

to your House – eight weeks since a small Brig.ᵗ (Polly) was spoke with 6 weeks fm Cape of Good Hope bound to Ostend with a fr.ᵗ of about £1000 Stg. & that vessel carried off a small Cargo of about £600 all which the Captain was ordered to remitt to same house – these sums making together £2800 & I hope will soon be in your hands £2000 of which I shall want to draw upon hearing the remittance – If thou thinks best for your safety for some of the Debtors to take my bills for that sum & give me their security payable when the remittance is made, it will be agreeable to me, provided the exchange can be secured in such a way that I shall be no loser – by thy consideration & reply upon this subject I shall be obliged – please also to say what is now the Current Exchange – I am

Umo 5. 1794

To Peter Roe Dutton

As the 14.th ult.o I took the liberty of inclosing thee for collection my Order on J. Putnam for 204 Dr. 77 Cents. a 20 days date which I hope he is paid – This also covers my Order on sight on J.s Hussey for Dol.s 540. also my order on Parkman & Blake at 10 days date for dollars which I shall be obliged by thy care in collecting & place to my Credit – J.s Anthony & Son have informed me they have ~~informed~~ forwarded the a Check for 580 Dr.s to be placed to my Credit – these several sums I hope are ready to be entered upon my book now sent down by my neighbour Russell – I am

to Parkman & Blake 4 mo 5. 1794

The time being at hand that payment will be due for the goods sold you last fall. I have taken the liberty of drawing upon you of this date at 10 days in favour of United States bank for 655. 84 cents – Should you find this an: right I shall be obliged by your attention to my drafts, which a sudden & unexpected call has obliged me to make more early than I wish — I am &c

to Joseph Hussey 4 mo 5.

I duly rec'd thine of 25th ult & observe the contents & have been this day under the necessity of drawing upon the Treasr. of the US Bank for 540 dol. which with 400 to E Pope & 60 to S Russel makes the 1000. thou informed me was ready — I shall be greatly obliged by thy information how much money thou can command for my acct. in the course of this m: I fall short of 1000 dol. of making payment for a quantity of oil & Head Matter that I now have an opportunity of purchasing –

If any of the 93 pr. Duck left rec'd by Prince on hand please to reserve it for me. & I shall be very glad of the Sales of that Invoice, as my brothers were concerned with me in that importation & I wish to have it settled. thy attention thereto will oblige — I am &c

4 mo 5. 1794

To Gibbs & Channing

In my absence last week to hand your obliging favour of 26th ult with the

papers for which please to accept my thanks. they were handed the Printer agreeable to your request—

Was it not that my property is much out of my hands, or should I find my two vessels safely arrived in Europe & their freights remitted according to order, I should need no persuasion to hold the Candles & pay the amt. in Cash. & I am not without hope that by the time payment will be due it will be convenient for me to do it, if so. & it should still remain your choice I shall wish to do it, but having only made my arrangments for £500— I cannot make out more but through the above mentioned Channel— wh: I hope to hear of in two weeks, the Oil I willingly take & wish you to deliver to Capt Bunker should he go to Newport.— It is a very serious consideration that of having some of your Townsmen Prisoners at Algiers, wholly incompatable with the loss of Property & I by no means wonder at your anxiety on their Account. This circumstance must come very close upon reflection to some of your neighbours, whose avarice have induced them to stain their hands with the greatest injustice they could inflict upon the unoffending Africans. As any sketch of Cruelty we can charge upon the Algerines they may justly double upon themselves, for consider? that all mankind are but one great family, where can they make any distinction between the justice due to a Citizen of Newport or a Citizen Calabar? & as I doubt not they will claim a greater degree of light & information, in the same proportion must their guilt be increased— I wish these consideations may have a good effect upon them, & that they may not only be restrained by from that commerce by the laws of the Union but also by a Law in themselves

with much respect I am &c

to Joseph Anthony Jun

Ums 8. 1796 179

I duly recd your oblig favour of 27th & 28th Ult & thank thee for your kind construction of our neglect in doing ourselves the pleasure of calling at your House, but so very agreeable did we find our friends to render our stay agreeable that we were preengaged sometimes for a whole week, & were often obliged to split some engagements to make way for others of earlier date — We have certainly much to say in favour of the hospitality of your City —

I am pleased with the good sale of the Oil as also of the future prospect which has determined us to send by Bunker what we have now on hand say Ca it is also probable Bunker will take in at Newport Casks more which we have laying there — We have yet to press a considerable more Oil which I think will be wise to reserve for next winter — & I hope what now goes you will be able to sell before the heat of the weather comes on, & I shall also be in want of the proceeds as soon as it can be sold to advantage — in course of next month I have a payment to make to our mutual friends Gibbs & Channing, & shall be glad if you have any more easy way of negociating with them than to my Cr. at the Bank in Boston, that you will remit them all the money you may have to my Cr. from any of the Sales the probable amo. of wh. by the 15. of next mo. I will thank you to mention by Bunker that I may make my arangments accordingly —

I am much obliged by your send. the Beer & Cracker & also remitting to the Branch Bank in Bo 580 dollars As you mention as nearly the bala of my ac. I must have omitted something to your Cr. or there must be some error in your calculation as the ac stands on my books I shall attend to this, from wh. by comparing you can explain —

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I am glad the Barly reached you in time to obtain 9. which is a great price —

The Candles sent you by Bunker, are of a kind that I have avoided sending to you market, having once had some complaint of their smoaking. I have therefore to request you will not offer them for the City use, as I now replace them with 50 boxes of a quality you may recommend. We make no difference in price & in many places they are not distinguished — Please to send me 2 bar. best Spine Flour for my own use — I am with respect &c

I hope the powers sent you by Gardner came to hand —

Andrew Ritchie & Son 4 mo 15 1794

Yesterday I had the pleasure of receiving your favour of 9th & now inclose ~~you~~ you the Ship Thorns acct amo £136.8.4 which amount I will if agreable to you draw upon you for, unless you can order some of your Customers to pay it — Should any of those apply I will give them an order &c

Am Jorman says the on works your hemp the quality of it is vastly inferior to what your Cordage was made of. & that he is also certain his account of the 1st was right — I have however made 2½ allowance on concluded upon & leave you to judge whether equal justice is done —

Jorman & Blake 4 mo 15. 1794

your obliging favour of 10th. reached me Yesterday & for your assurances of paying my Draft please accept my thanks Since I last wrote you Henry Hutchinson has requested me to pay you for his note & a bill of goods he thinks about £39 & has left that sum with me, if you will be so kind as to inform me the amo I will send you a Check therefor & will also be obliged if you will say what is the current Exchange on London

I am &c

Joseph Shebaud 4 mo 16. 1794

Robert Morton via Newport

Last evening I had the Pleasure of rec.d of 7th. I have particularly noted thy

observation upon the Dauphin, had any accident
happened to that Ship whereby she had fallen justly upon
the underwriters, I should not have regretted it, but
since her unfitness proceeds from natural decay,
I am clear the Owners the Owners never could desire
it should prove their loss — Considering she is in
Charleston, where she must be daily accumulating ex-
pence, & will soon run out her whole value, & tho
the expence of her repairs must be amazingly great
& that she probably will never be a very useful Vessel to
the Owners, & considering the present day greatly invali-
dates Vessels of her Size & situation, I cannot think
it for their interest to continue her if she can be sold
for any adequate consideration, as to every Appertin
for the Fishery only, I think they had best be reserv
& applied according to thy Order, the boats I think best to
sell there, as they cannot be rendered more valuable by removal

If she has a sufficient number of Cables, without
the new One, I agree in judgment with the, but if she
has not, I conclude it must be left to the judgment
of the Agents in Charleston to determine that, as in
some cases She would command a much better
Sale with it — if She should be Sold to break up perhaps
her Rigging & Sales might do better this way than to
sell there —

As to the Logan were they here & good, I should
be glad to have them, but I see no way to obtain them,
as the expence of transportation or a Ship going there for
them will be much too great & it will not do to pay
Storage — As I suppose they will not sell there for more
(perhaps) than one Quarter their value, I shall look at it
& if I can give any orders whereby the concern'd will be
benifited, I shall gladly do it. I see no way of bringing
them here but by taking them down, which with the
expence of setting them up again & freight I fear will

amo.t to their Value

Hazard & Robenson have informed me the Sales were made upon 2. 4. 6 & 8 mo Credit — by their last letter of 4th ult. Spirit was 7/p & Exchange on London 7/p more — a great deduction; I wrote them respecting they hint upon their Com.n & suggested to them the propriety of their allowing us as Agents to the Ship to participate with them, but they say no reputable House in Charleston will do busineß under 5 p Cent & I have informed them I shall expect they will charge no Com.n on remittance in money or bills & only 2/p in produce, upon which have rec.d no Answer — If thou art acquainted with any different Charge of Com.n I wish to be informed of it that I may answer their Objections. — I am —

5 mo 1. 1794

To Gibbs & Channing

Our friends Joseph Anthony & Son in letter rec.d Yesterday informs me they have requested your directions for the payment of Two Thousand Dollars for my Acc.t — I have been in hopes that my finances would allow of my paying the balance due upon the Hemp & retaining the Candles, but yet see no prospect of doing more than the above sum — which I hope will prove to your convenience. it being the extent of my calculations, I had you informed me of your wanting the Candles at an early season, I would have sent them by land to Howland Ferry, rather than disappoint you however I trust they will not turn out to your disadvantage — with much respect & esteem I am &c

Copy of T Rotch's letter to J Thebaud, London 2mo 5. 1794

I have rec.d Capt. Sheffield's Protests & have laid the case with all the duements concerning the Betsey before Council for a legal opinion wh.ch is that the Capt. was perfectly justifiable in going to America to avoid an Enemy — that we have a right to dispose of the Cargoe there, provided the vessel is not detained longer on that acct. than she otherwise would have been — & that the underwriters are on the Policy until her safe arrival 24 hours at L'Orient — This Opinion &c is now before a Committee of the underwriters with a view to terminate the pique's in America & I hope in a very short time something will be decided on — As the Ships are waiting for Convoy this delay is justifiable — In the mean time you must keep in view for a future Protest if it should be necessary, the going to America to avoid an Enemy & the waiting there for a Convoy as the two most essential points — I however hope we shall settle with the Underwriters in a manner that will leave us at liberty to do as we please with both Ships & Cargoes —

I have heard of the escape of the Dauphin from Delagoa bay on the 12.th of Sep.r with 300 tons oil but have no knowledge of her since. I should be happy to hear of her safe arrival in America

Dear Sir 2 mo 25. 1794

The foregoing is a Copy of my last, since which I am without any favours from you, nor have I heard any thing further from the Dauphin — I rather suspect she may have gone to the Isle of France, if so it may be expected she has sailed from thence under Convoy of two French frigates with 16 of the Ships who were to leave those Islands about the end of Oct.r last as it is supposed for France —

I have with a great deal of Trouble finally arranged with the Underwriters to Cancel the Policies on the Betsey & Negre in America, as they now lay. Likewise on the Dauphin if she should arrive there, they have agreed to return 20 guineas p.r Cent on the sums insured wh.ch is some

indemnity for the expences incurred – It was fortunate that the Protest of Sheffield which you sent were so clear & well motived that it has secured this return from the Underwriters wch I believe will be very satisfactory to Mr Barrard

We are now at liberty to do what we please with Betsy & Negre & their Cargoes – All thoughts of sending them to France during the War aught to be given up – By a letter just rec.d from the Slaver at L'Orient they are well appriz'd of the situation of those Ships & seem desirous of their being learned for the fishery from America but in a manner so well concerted with the French Resident or Consul that the premiums acquired & to be acquired may be secured from the Government. for my own part I had much rather put an end to both Ships & Cargoes in America & to have the ~~whole~~ produce of the whole invested in the American funds, or remitted here as I may hereafter determine – Perhaps thro' your good Offices the Representatives of the Republic of France might be prevailed upon to take these two Vessells into the Public Service, either by purchase or other profitable terms, – if so their Certificate would insure the premium acquired – if the arrangment by purchase should be made you will take care that the payment be made in America – You know well the qualities of those two Ships – the Negre is almost new & ~~the~~ a fast sayling vessel, more fit to be armed than to carry burden – I must give you & my Nephew a Carte Blanche to do the best you can under existing circumstances preferring a Sale of the whole at any tolerable price to any other mode – for my own part I shall be extremely well satisfied if they should with all their remaining Stores & Cargoes produce the sum insured, as stated in one of my former letters including the return made here by the Underwriters wch in the whole will be near £1600 Stg on the Betsy & £760. on the Negre & £880 on the Dauphin. if the arrives safe in America, but if they should be likely to fall very short of the sum insured, & the Ships should be in no demand either for Public service or &c.a it seems a pity they should

lay in a State of inactivity, perish & incurring expence —
It seems to be Mr. Edwards idea that they should recommence
another Voyage for the fishery from America, at the finish
of the War — I should unite in this idea, if the happy mo-
ment of approaching peace could be foreseen, but it is
clear another Campaign must take place & how many more
afterwards. I believe no ~~Politician~~ politician from present
appearances can calculate — If therefore all other at-
tempts of putting a end to the present situation of the
Betsey & Hope should fail I would recommend their being
immediately prepared for another Voyage — This voyage
I think should be after Spermaceti Oil chiefly or Seal
Skins as may be determined between you & my Nephew
& Captains — a load of 1000 Bbls. Oil would perhaps leave
but little profit — I do not however decide against, if un-
der circumstances of which you can better judge —
it should be thought proper —

I have before me a Journal after Seal Skins
from which I one of the Officers have made the following
sketch — "

"The Ann Capt. Pittman 287 tons burden
"Sailed from London the 18th of June 1792 for South Georgia
"Lat. 54. 3 South Long 37° West, arrived there the 13th of Nov.
"found a great plenty of Seals ~~Skins~~ Elephants which make
"a great deal of Oil — this Fishery begins early in Oct.
"they took on board 50 tons of this sort of Oil before the Seal
"Skin came on for Skins — On the 3d of Dec. they began
"to kill Seals & on the 2d of March left the Island loaded with
"the above quantity of Oil & 50,000 Skins — In running
"for the land of this Island be careful you are not
"deceived by the Islands of Ice that are frequent there
"about — There are plenty of good Harbours from the NW
"to S E but on the eastern Coast there are sunken Rocks
"that shew themselves by Breakers & not by kelp — the
"NW coast is clear & safe outside of Willis's Island —
"a good Passage between this & the main Island —

186 "They took on board at Bana Vista one of the Cape De
"Verd Islands 18½ Minds of Salt of 60 English bus. each
"wh. cost the duty included 7 dollars a mind each – The
"small Skins are of little Value – they are chiefly used here
"among Tanners & are and excellent for Shoes. The larges
"are the best. – a Vessel like the Betsey capable of bring[ing] near
"100 tons of Oil may bring inwards of 30 thousand good sizeable Skins
"the Negro I should suppose would bring more than double
"that quantity – The Skins packed in bulk have came out
"in much better order than those packed in Casks beause
"they have an opportunity of examining them & salting them
"over if necessary – other Ships continued till the month of
"May & came away quite full – They found plenty of wild
"fowl but they chose the hearts of Elephants preferable to any
"other food – As the climate is cold good cloathing & boats are
"necessary – These Islands are about 5 days Sail to the eastward
"of the Faulkland Islands – it is necessary to carry a good long
"boat with sails – in a small vessel this boat might be
"carried in Frame & soon put together there" – These are
the most interesting particulars of this Voyage – There are
many other places for Seals Skins, particularly one on
the coast of the Brazils called Sappo or Bay of Funda, where
fine large hair Skins are found & are most esteemed, ~~as~~
because as I suppose they may be used for covering Trunks –
good sizeable Skins from S. Georgia are worth here from
2/6 to 4/ Stg each – there is a duty on importation of 6¢ each
I suppose they may be worth 2/ or 2/6 in America, perhaps
for the India Market – I understand here that the
purchase of foreign Ships is permitted in America & that
they may be naturalized under the Flag of the United States
by a document called a Sea letter – this new regulation gives
me great hope that these Ships may be in demand, par-
ticularly from the circumstance of their being Copper bottomed
You will observe from the tenor of this letter, I do not
think of the Fishery in any other light than that of a
dernier resort after every arrangment is made with

the French Consul for the Security of the premiums
& every other attempt should be made to dispose of them otherwise
should fail — the low State of the funds in every Country
is an inducement to put up with some loss in such
property because if so invested there is good prospect of in-
demnity by a sudden Rise in the funds when peace
comes.

March 2nd The Dauphin does not appear in the list of
arrivals at L'Orient from the Isles of France, & therefore con-
clude she has gone to America & shall be very glad to hear
of her safe arrival there, should this be the case without
accident that may regard the underwriters, it appears to
me she might be converted immediately ~~converted~~
into an American Ship by becoming the property
of a Subject of the United States — nothing, during
with her until I know here of her safe arrival & have
arranged with the Underwriters in regard to return of
premiums, for finishing the risque in America, having
seen some symtoms of discontent ~~it~~ among them that
makes it rather doubtful if they will easily agree to
make a return similar to that of the Betsy & Negre
on the Dauphin or any other Ship so circumstanced —
This vessel must therefore be managed with attention,
no Cargo kept on board unless strong necessity imposes the
landing, & above all that the protest of the Captain states
that She Steered for America to avoid an Enemy & for the
Safety of the Ship & Cargo, & is there waiting for Convoy — This
protest must be sent to me here or to your Correspondents
Messrs Harries & Co the soonest possible, as without it nothing
possible can be done — With respect to the Cargoes of these
Ships I foresee that very considerable expences will unavoid-
ably arise upon them — I have therefore given direction
to my Nephew, as soon as all you are able to arrange
with the French Consul is finished concerning the premiums
whether you are successful or not to proceed to the Sales of
the whole of my interest in the Ship according to his best judg-
ment & to act in concert with you in regard to the Ships

as may appear best – to this end he is fully impowered to sell or transfer them as may be expedient – We are all well & unite in best compliments to you

(a true Copy signed) Sam[l] Fr. T Rotch.

5mo 5. 1794

To Peter Rae Dalton Esquire

Cashier of United State Bank

I shall be obliged by thy having the inclosed note of hand dd 15 inst. collected & placed to my Credit. Viz Note signed W[m] Clap for . . . £236.17.9

indorsed 5mo 5. . . . . 36.

balance due £200.17.9 Sam[l] Fr.

To James Tisdale

5mo 5. 1794

Since I wrote the last the Caulkers have done what recaulking they supposed would be necessary & have presented their bills which I have paid Amounting to £14.12 – & indeed Sir it is their opinion on further Search that almost the whole expence has accrued from the defection of the first Caulkers – They found under the Wale in the 3 inch plank not one Quarter of the needful Quantity of Oakum, the Seams not having been reamed the Oakum could not be driven far enough in – The concerned at Westport did not chuse to pay any attention to the business not pay any part of the bills notwithstanding Co[l] Claghorn's report – Sam[l] Fr.

To Samuel Phillips Esq[r]

5mo 1794

Thy Obliging favour of April 25 last

yours came duly to hand with 40 packes more of Sheathing paper which I have but lately compleated the Sales off & not till last fall was all the Wrapping paper Sold. above thou hast Sales of the whole net pds to thy Credit £41.6.2 Which hope will meet thy appabation – my common Com[n] on Sales is 2½ p Cent. but as the Sales of the paper is slow & attended with much trouble being neatly sold on Credit, I have ch[d] 5 p Cent. but if those are accustomed to having the sales made on lower terms I shall constorm thereto – as it is a convenience to my neighbours to have it here. to oblige them is an object desireable with me beyond the profit of it – for the balance say £24.16.2 I inclose thee a Check upon the Branch Bank for 82 Dols 70 Cents –

In the course of this season I have little doubt but a like quantity will sell as thy paper is gaining in estimation in preference to that from Providence Several Vessels will be in want in a Short time that should thou conclude to send more, it will be best to do it in a short time. Jos Hussey can always give information if any Vessel is in Boston for this Port—

With much esteem I am thy respectful friend
William Rotch Junr

To Jos Thebaud 5 mo 14. 1794

Under cover from my uncle Fras Rotch I rec.d a letter to thee unsealed that I might possess myself of His sentiments and instructions, such Parts as were necessary I copied. & forwarded thine last Week via Newport which I hope has ere ady reached thee— She has been very fortunate in compromising with the Underwriters upon the Negro & Betsy, upon so easy terms— & I hope he will be equally successful upon the dauphin— Tat Ship I fear will come to Very little— but he observes that he Shall be well satisfied if he can realize the sums insured.—

I have received thy letter of 1th May and by Wilbur rec.d the three Casks sent by him. one of them proved to be Merchant able Head matter which I have Credited at £ 65— one of them was a very ordinary black kind not worth half price & the other is nothing but Oil of a brown & inferior quality— the two last I credit at £ 30- the price for the last Oil— I have had them gauged by our Gauger send the bill amounting to £ Lmo, but as I conclude thou can do better with the Oil when Strained in New York. I think to send the the same quantity Back if Wilber can take it. It seems now to be my uncles wish to have all the Cargos of the Ships Sold, at least his Part, that Should any opening present thou will please to dispose of his part, he has noted to me that would the Oil be sold & the whole of whole of all the Ships Bone be purchased & Ship'd to him it might serve to make remitance, as it can be entered in England for Exportation— if thou can do no better with the bone than to sell it for 8 d Lmo both of the Betsy & Negro. & can make the Betsys Oil pay therefore, making allowance upon the bone for the Dirt, as is customary with us from 5 to 10 p Cent. as the case may be it will be agreeable to me to take the whole of the Bone— & in this case thou will oblige me by shipping the Betsys immediattely to London consigned to Lancaster

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Bar & Ellille as my property as this price is his limits if thou can do better I leave ther to sell the whole when thou thinks best. that price cant be obtained here at this time — Neither will any oil Sell at presant — I am glad thou has written to Charlston respecting the Commission. I have several times wrote them but I have no expectation of any allowance - from their replies — with esteem I am thy respectful friend Wm ~~Rotch~~ Junr

By Capt Wilbur we have sent thee two Casks Strained Oil of same quantity of those rec?

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Edwd Davis

5 mo 14. 1794

From the Expectation of my business calling me to Boston before this time I have delayed acknowledging thy kind attention in forwarding me the Charter of the Bank & Capt Rays Policy — my expectations of Purchasing Bank Stock were founded upon Order for remittance from Havre to London, now Cut off by the British Court - whither our Vessels will Bring out Spiece or not is very uncertain, & the whole must rest untel I hear from them - It was my apprehension that the Bank possess'd their own Charter in print for the use of the proprietors, or I should not have put the to the trouble I did, as perhaps I might have found it in this town in the news papers, & I have been neglectful of the transcriber who I beg thee to compensate for his trouble, & when I see thee know what it is I will pay it -
I have lately observed in the Magazin the price of 6 p Cents 17/ I have orders to lay out 1620 Dolars in that Stock one half of which is now at my order in Philadelphia & the other other half falls due 16th of next month — if thou can negosiate this purchase upon that fund thou art at liberty to draw that Sum on my acct upon Jos Anthony & son Philadelphia. as if it cannot be drawn I will derive them to transfer it to my Credit in the Bank - in Philadelphia the price is 18/ p Cetter 5th instant it will be less trouble to me to have it purchasd there if it cant be done on easier terms with you -

thy attention to this business will oblige me as also thy early information 191
by first post what thy prospect is, Should it be more convenient to take Stock varying 100 Dollars either way from that Sum it is immaterial to me, but thou will observe 1620 is all that must be drawn from J & S

By a letter from Burdeaux I hear a report that the Brig Mary Capt Hawes has arrived at Havre, I hope to have a Confirmation in a few Days, I shall be obliged by thy informing Josee Putnam that the same letter says the Barclay has also arrived there, which I have no doubt of as to the latter, but two Brig Marys having gone for that port, renders the former more doubtful — I am &c.

I expect also to want 2000 Dollars more in a short time of 6p Cents at 1/. or union

Joseph Hussey 5 mo 15. 1794

Thine of 7th. came duly to hand & am obliged by thy payment of my draft in favour of Same Proctor, & by thy requesting me to omit drawing the remaining 200 Dollars that Week I conclude a letter previous to that draft had not reached the, wherein I requested thy paying the State treasurer 200 Dollars & taking his rec.t in favor of Samuel Joy Constable for the Town of Dartmouth for State Tax 1793, which Sum I have received of him & as soon as thou can pay the Treasurer I shall be obliged by thy sending me the receipt —

I did not propose drawing more upon the at this time, but wish every attention to collect as fast as any money as due for my account, as I am greatly disappointed of remitances ordered from France to London which I depended upon for my Spring business, but which is interrupted by the Laws of both those countries, & how I shall obtain money to do any busines with I am much at a loss, yet am in hopes Specie will be brought out by one of my Vessels — By the Galen I expect a few articles from my Father which if the invoice is sent thee I beg thy attention to forward as early as possible — if sent to me I shall return it to thee — I dont know what price to put upon the large Glass I suppose it is of good quality & it ought to bring me at least 12 Dollars, but if thou can make a speedy sale of it at a little less I leave thee to act thy judgment but one box I wish sent me by Wm. Allen now

gone to Boston as also 10 pcs of the poorest of the Duck

To Edmund Prayer 5 mo 16. 1794

I have nearly closed the Sales of the 30 Barrels Pork upon a Short Credit, at 16 Dollars for the remainder I ask 17 since the acct of thine of 10th advising its rise in N York – if thou sends 30 bls more by Wilbur think it will sell

friend David Wilbur

5 mo 15.. 1794

I wish thee to bring me 6 likely Barrow Shoats of about 100 lb each if to be had of that weight an as near to it as thou can find them – also 10 bus more Oats & if thou can buy Corn at 2/8 of good quality bring me 200 bushels, & request E Prior to accept thy order upon me for the Cost 6 bus Rye I am also in want of and the following articles if to the procured –

2000 good tierce poles –
1000 good hogshead hoops
1000 Hogshead heading or But Staves if they will do to make into heading for that quantity & as many good barrel Staves & heading as thou Can purchase for the Glass

To David Anthony 5 mo 23. 1794

Thine of 14 & 16 inst. I rec'd by Gardner w'h Sally of two panels of Candles nt ps 77.9.9 & 117.14.9 w'h I have examined & place to thy dr. Their Sales are quite to my satisfaction, but had we have risen to 70 £ & Tow but few candles like to be made next winter we have concluded to hold ours at 3/. & expecting a large demand when the embargo terminates I have sent thee & Joseph 60 boxes as I mind above. w'h desire thou will hold at 3/ on 3 or 4 months & thou may at any time deduct 4 monthly interest for prompt pay, but should the Nantucket or Newport people stile sell at 2/9 I have then at

liberty to sell also at that as we have some Apprehension they shall not at 3/. but do not mean to have any advantage taken of us by them —

I am &

P.S my br. Robt has by this conveyance shipd thee 40 boxes Candles in my brand marked # with Red Chalk. as p inclosd Invoice being for account of W Robt & Sons of Nantucket to whom thou will please to forward Sales & account for the net p/d observing the direction given with respect to mine — those Candles with mine & a box of Hats from Joseph Sutton are included in the inclosed bill Lading. I am at anti.

To Peter Roe Dalton 5 mo 24. 1794

I wrote thee 5th inst & covered a Note signed W Clap. in my favour due 200.17.9. on 15th inst W[m] not being Chd in my book I am unsatisfied of its rect. but not doubting it I have ventured to draw upon the Bank for a part — please Collect for Jos Rupel the inclosed order from his father for 50 Dolls & place to my Credit —

I am

To Edw[d] Davis 5 mo 24

I duly rec[d] thine of 21st & request thou will purchase the whole amo of the 1620 Dol. of 6 & 9[d] if at or under 7/6 & if thou will have thy note discounted for the payment at 30 dt. I will have the money remitted to thee — I shall be much obligd by thy information next post of the probable as a vessel sails last of the week for Phila. by whom I wish to give a final direction relative to that money either to have it remitted thee or laid out there —

I am

194 To Thomas Dickason & Co: New Bedford 8 mo 26. 1794

I have lately had the pleasure of receiving your esteemed favours dated 2d nov.r & 10th Feb.y with one of the last date to myself & brother Thomas Rotch, together covering our several Accounts Current, all which I have found free from error, & the balance in your favour £14..2..- which balance would not have occured by my drafts, but from an apprehension that you Credited as well as charged interest. & I had in view by leaving the mony in your hands, the balancing the interest charged in your former Account, that I hope you will excuse my drawing over the balance, as it arose intirely from my not knowing your practice — It is my brother Thomas Rotch desire you should place to my Credit the balance of his account say £423..14..10 — which will leave a balance in my favour I feel greatly obliged by your kind offer of honouring my bills, upon the Credit of remittances I expected to be made by Homberg & Co: fortunately my engagements did not prest my drawing untill I heard their intention of remitting me in goods, which proved to better advantage.

My last shipment to them with the freight of the Ship Barcly & Brig Mary was ordered to be remited to you but, your government having interdicted the course of their Exchange, I know not what course it will take I find the Cargoes are sold, to be three fourths paid in Exchange on Amsterdam & Hamburgh. & I hope our friends from thence will order it to you; The whole freight with the proceeds that are to be paid in foreign Exchange, an account of myself & brothers, will exceed £6,000 Stg — besides this we have a Small Brig called the Polly Labon Coffin master who took a freight from St Helena for Ostender — Amsterdam Amounting to £675 Stg, which was also ordered to you, And it is probable before I hear of any of his mony being paid I may be necessitated to draw for the 675 £ which I shall seek to center in your hands, & avail myself of your indulgence, but nothing but unavoidable necessity will put me upon it until I hear of its remittance. Our Commerce has suffered such outrage by the Adjudication of some of the Officers of your Government, that, we hadly dare venture any more

property upon the Ocean — My brother & self have a small Brig just arrived 195
which was captured in the Harbour of Dominico. Libelled, & after pereshing her
Cargo five Weeks was cleared by the Admiralty with paying £182- Costs —
your observation that redress for those injuries will be made, gives us some hope —
but this is a most destructive war & very unhappy for every State that is involved in
it — the Voice of Wars has been loudly sounded in our Country, & but for the true
policy of many of our leaders would ere now have been our fate — I ardently wish
it may be averted. I am obliged by your care in forwarding the Senators those by
the Mary have reached me. — I am &c

To all people to whom these presents shall come, I Benjamin Coleman of
New Bedford in the County of Bristol Common welth of Massachusets.
Owner & master of the Ship Eliza of the burthen of
Tons, now riding in the Port of New Bedford aforesaid & bound
on a Whaling Voyage to the South Sea, Send Greeting, Whereas I the said Benj.
Coleman am at this time necessitated to take up, upon the adventure of the said
Ship called the Eliza the Sum of
for setting forth the said Ship to Sea & furnishing her with pro-
visions for said voyage, which William Rotch Junr. of said New
Bedford Merchant hath on request lent me & supplied me with at the rate of twenty
pounds for every hundred pounds during the said Voyage: now know ye that I
the said Benjamin Coleman, do by these presents, for me, my executors &
administrators, covenant & grant to & with the said William Rotch Junr. that
the said Ship shall with the first fair wind after the Day of the pres.t
month, depart from this Port, & shall proceed on her Voyage to the South Sea &
having there finished her Cruize for Whales shall return thence & shall as wind
& weather shall serve directly sail back to this port. to finish her said said Voyage —
And I the said Benjamin Coleman in consideration of the said Sum of
to me in hand paid by the said William Rotch Junr. at & before the Sealing
& delivering of the presents do hereby bind myself my heirs, executors &
administrators, my goods & chattels & particularly the said Ship Eliza with the
freight, tackle and apparel of the same to pay unto the said William Rotch Jun.
his executors administrators or assigns the Sum of
within one & twenty days next after

196 the returne & safe arrival of the said Ship Eliza in this Port from the said intended Voyage, & I the said Benjamin Coleman do for me my executors & administrators covenant & grant, to & with the said William Rotch Junr his executors & administrators, by these presents that I the said Benjamin Coleman at the time of sealing & delivery of the presents, am true & lawful owner & master of the said Ship and have power & authority to charge & engage the said Ship as aforesaid. & that the said Ship shall at all times after the aforesaid voyage be liable & chargeable for the payment of the said according to the true intent & meaning of these presents, & lastly it is hereby declared & agreed by & between the said parties to these presents, that in case the said Ship shall be lost miscarry or be cast away, before his next arrival in the Port, from the same intended voyage, that then the said payment of the said shall not be demanded or be recoverable by the said William Rotch Junr his executors & administrators, & that then & thence forth every account matter & thing herein contained on the part & behalf of the said Benjamin Coleman shall be void. any thing here in contained to the Contrary notwithstanding.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal

To Uncle
Frances Rotch

New Bedford 8mo 26. 1794

Thy favours of 15th Octr Nov & 1st march are duly received & by thy last I conclude mine of 9th & 10th of 11 month were not received but as the material parts of them have been otherwise communicated to thee it is needless to send a triplicate. I have diligently perused & taken a copy of them to J Thebaud & in every respect shall conform to thy directions as far as is in my power, but am very glad the settlement has taken place relative to the Negro & Betsy as I fear proper papers would not have been returnd. to throw the risk upon the Underwriters I was careful in Hanes' protest. to place devection upon report of the War. but being so little raised in those forms I feared all would not be done right. J Thebaud has lead the devection of the Dauphin. at Charleston. but he has consulted me relatives to the disposal of that Ship, upon her being declared unfit to repair without more expence than her value.

& considering the very great expence that attends all kinds of busines at 197
that place, I gave him my opinion that there was no better way of serving the
Owners interest that to sell her as she was after Stripping of every thing that
would be more valuable than to sell the whole together – her Cargo was sold
before they heard from either of us. the periods of payment being distant the
remittances have not yet reached us when they do I shall endeavour to follow
thy directions – In consequence of thy proposition I have proposed to J Thebaud
to Ship the Belays Bone on my account to Lancaster Bax & Elleile & receiv-
er the payment from sales of the Oil. & I have made the same proposal
relative to the Negres Bone, which if agreed to, I shall endeavour to put
forward that Article –

I note thy observations relative to the expence attending the Ships Coming
to America. & my Ideas agreed with thine in proposing it should &
ought to be deducted from the voyages, but we found so much difficulty in
settling with the people we were glad to omit it; as we have had in al-
most every instance complaints from from the Sailors to appease with the
Citizen Consul for since the establishment of the Laws of equality thine
Cars must be open to every One –
I Shall forward the Sale of the Negres Oil as soon as I can but the late
embargo had intirely stop'd the Sale, it is this Day off & if not renewed it
will doubtless soon find a market –
J Authony & Sons inform me in letter of 5th instant that thou had directed the
proceeds of the Wine remitted if exchange was low otherwise to hold it for my order
to be invested in the Funds. Exchange being 80 p Cent they advice the nett pds being
£ 608-4 their Currency one half rec.d & the other falls due 16th of next month.
I have order'd that Sum immediately laid out in Boston where 6 p Cents were 17/3
to 17/6 last week. Anthony writes they are 18/ with them.
By replacing the Sum sold last fall for thy Account much more than the
interest will be savid, but having just heard from Homberg that the Government
has purchasd both our Cargoes of Oil & make payment in Exchange on Amster-
dam & Hamburgh, I have no doubt they have order'd the remittances made to London
agreeable to my directions. I shall therefore do nothing toward appropriating that
sum for the present, but from the receipts an account of either into the Ships Car-
goes. shall purchase either into the funds or Bank Stock, perhaps in both – & thou
may rely upon my taking equal Care of thy property that comes into my hand that
I should with my own
Having now gone through such parts of thy busines as seem
at present necessary, I beg leave to trouble thee a little with some of my own.

198 Having had so many fears the last season on account of the exposed situation of much of my property, while employed on the Ocean, I have thoughts of dispositioning some of it in real Estate; and understanding that about 500 or 600 Acres of pasture Land upon one of the Elizabeth Islands called Nashawina is owned by a woman in England, her Name Lyrisel Sanford (perhaps of the Oliver family) I wish thee to interest thyself so much in my behalf as to find from her if it is for Sale & her terms - it is rented I understand by her agent in Boston for 110 Dollars p annum to John Slocum, whose residence on the Island, injuries the value of the whole Island. by this obstinate disposition - a part of it is owned by G Hazard Newport who has wished to sell it at 7 dollars p Acre - but could not find a purchaser unless Slocum was removed but as he is a proprietor, he will do as he pleases. I have never seen it nor have had much opportunity to gain knowledge of it - but if thou art satisfied as to the title & finds it can be purchased at or under Seven hundred & fifty pounds Sterling, I wish thee to do it for me - if not please to let me know her terms from the low rent it pays its probable it may be bought under that, as in England such estates are estimated very low. Should those purchase it within my limits; & can draw upon me therefore at 30 or 60 days, I shall be obliged - & if I gain Knowledg of my money being remitted to London it is my intention to lodge that sum subject to thy Order

If unds several of our Friends have been desiring to purchase that estate but do not know of any having an idea of more than 3000 Dol. but I can the whole Winding early information of the property

To Laban Coffin

New Bedford 5 mo 26 1794

5 I duly received thine of 2 mo 6. from Ascention, by which I find those had taken a freight for Europe, where I hope thou will remit the freight to my frds T Dickason & Co. in London - and should thou find any business in Europe worth thy attention it is quite our minds thou should continue as long as the business is worth thy pursuit. only I could wish the crue might be reduced to a proper number & they put on moderate Wages. but should thou think it best to come home with the Vessel let as many of them as thou can space find other business if possible - & then it will be more for our advantage for the necessary men to come upon the terms they set out upon - and at any time when it becomes thy choice to return & thy experience of the Character & ability of thy mate to take charge of the Vessel, is such as to

warrant thy giving her up to him it will be fully our minds. giving him directions how to conduct & to remit all his freights to our said friends in London, & giving him instructions that should he fall in at London, Havre or Dunkirk to consult our friends J Dickason & Co: Lamberg & Homberg freres Brothers DeBauque & my Brother Benjamin Rotch & take their advice how to conduct. & tell him to write us by every conveyance just mentioning his welfare what freights he has made & where bound next only to some port that it will be necessary to omit — let him also mention all the moneys he has remitted to London — & in all things to conduct as prudently & safely as he can — thou make such contract as thou thinks for our interest with him or leaves it to us to settle — but so far would have thee agree that whatever may be the primage on the Cargo he shall not have more of it than 5 p Cent & if a Commission is Charged by any Merchant upon it he ought to have less — but we shall not be hard with him — very good freights have been obtained of wheat from Hamburgh — Should thou or the Mate go there, I and are not recommended to any particular House, altho I have no Corrispondent there, yet I have heard the characters of J Stephens & Parish & Co: both of that place or whom you may rely — Should thou after receiving this have any opportunity of consulting with my brother Benjamin I wish thee to find whether it would not be for my interest for thee to go to Dunkirk & take a Charge of Oil that I have there, & carry to Havre, if so it may be sold & the proceeds either brought out in Money if permitted or remitted to London —

Thou will not forget that most of thy hands are in part hired that all their voyages must not be paid them, if they go into other business

W W 1/2 - N Morse 1/8. J Hoggatheus 1/8 J Horsnails 3/8 N Newdigate 1/4

To Samuel Enderby & Sons

Ven Bedford 5 mo 26 1792

I duly received your favor of 6th Febr 7 and wish it was in my power to serve your interest in the purchase of a Cargo of Oil, but at your limits it cannot be done & I am very doubtfull if there is at this moment Spermaceti Oil sufficient in this Country for our own consumption. and the fishery is very much reduced, that no probable event can lessen the price at present We gave last Week £35 £ mo for Oil & £70 for Head Matter — at the latter price I suppose it can be imported from London I am obliged by your account

200 of the products of your Fishery when I can collect ours I shall give you a state of it. which is now mostly, for Whale Oil — I am &c

To Joseph & Anthony & son New Bedford 5 mo 26 1794

I duly received your favours of 23 Ulto. & 5th instant together with Sales of the Baley & Invoice 2 bls flour for your attention thereto I am obliged. And have to return you my thanks for your Kind offer of paying Gibbs & Channing two Thousand Dollars for my Acct which at this time is a very seasonable assistance, and as the Embargo is now off I hope it will not be long before you will be able to replace from the Sales of Oil & Candles what you have advanced. — I think your market will not receive much more Oil this Season at least of Spermaceti, as it will pay a very handsome freight to France, of course what is now on hand may probably be soon sold. I note your observations upon the proceeds of the Wine & Brandy for account of my Uncle Frances Rotch. & finding 6p Cents have been last week at 17/3 & 17/6 in Boston I have order that Sum laid out there, but if they are higher of which I expect information before I close this. I shall leave it for you to purchase at 18/. —
I have heard nothing more about the little unclaimed interest of which I have several times troubled you, & some time Since sent duplicates of the powers. it amounted to upwards of 36 dollars - as this money was also my uncles, I wish to hear of its receipt that I may credit him —

Pleas to Send me by Bunker a Cask of Linseed Oil — I am glad you omitted the Shorts since they were so very high —
I doubt not your care to keep the Strained Oil from Leaking during the warm weather, if so there can be no loss in keeping it —
6 mo 4. Since writ. the foregoing I find the difficulty of making remittance to England has induced the Merch.s to purchase 6p Cents to send there by the regular Ships which has advanced them to 18/. & altho' after

their sailg. they are expected to sail. Yet I think best to request you to lay out the proceeds of the Wine & Brandy on my Uncle T. R's acct. in those Stocks if you can purchase at 18/. & if you can have them transmitted to Appletons Books in my name it will much oblige him & me —

We are now making a Shipment to Europe of our last Strain'd Spruce Oil. that no more can go from this place of any considerable consequence —

With due respect I am Yours

To Boult & Pratt 6mo 1a. 1794

I am sorry to learn by by a letter from my father rec'd. last Post. that in consequence of of the late act of Parliment. the bills last sold you with my endorsment are protested. and that he was not allowed to take them up for my honour — he at the same time says he shall lodge in the hands of your friends their amount to prevent Damages. this I hope he has done & you are advised of it — if the contrary has taken place I beg your early information that I may reimburse you — with usual respect I am &c

6mo 9. 1794

To Capt. Elihu Smith
Mr. Brig. Union - -

Thou being Master of our Union loaded for Europe. We advise thy proceeding with all possible dispatch. for Hamburgh. where as we have no Correspondents we advise thy taking the best advice thou can obtain from the first Mercantile House there — We have had a good character of both Parish & Co. and Also of J Stephens if thou find them continuing of respectability thou may confide in them & pursue such business with the

Brig^n as thou may on converting them, think best for our interest, as long as thou pleases — And should thou be detained & carried into England write immediately to our Friends T Dickason & Co Merch^ts London, acquainting them of thy situation, also who thy Owners are — and if Carried to France write the Same to our frds B D Bauque Merch^ts Dunkirk or Hong & Hamberg freres Havre, and what ever those friends shall advise thee for our interest, thou art at liberty to follow, as also any advice thou may receive from my father or Brother should they hear from them — Thou will be careful not to take on board any warlike or Naval Stores, & be careful to keep Strictly to the Neutral Flag & by no means Contravene the Law of Nations — Perhaps a load of wheat may be obtained at Hamburgh for Lisbon, & as we are now informed Portugal has given up the Truce with Algiers, there will not be much Risk ingaging there.

And thou art liberty to sell the Brig^n where thou can obtain 350£ Sterling, paid in London for her, & can provide for the Mens Return without expence.

We wish thee as early as possible to cause the freight upon all the Cargo to be remitted to our s^d frds T Dickason & C^o as soon as possible after the Sales of the Oil — or rather after its being landed, for if no immediate Market presents for it, if thou puts it into any Merch^ts hands they must advance the freight — Thou must take the best advice thou can relative to the safety of Bills of Exchange, & and altho we consign the whole Cargo to thee, it is our expectation that thou do not let the saving a commission to thyself prevent thy putting it into the hands of some substantial Merchant, and as soon as sale can be made, it will be most agreeable, that the whole sales or nett be remitted

to London to our said Friends — but should thou
receive Specie for the Cargo with liberty to bring it away
& cannot with convenience procure good Bills of Ex-
change on London, in this case we advise thy pro-
curing what freight thou can that will not be
injured by the want of another Deck, & load with Plas-
ter of Paris if nothing else can be had of more value
(from 40/ to 60/ Stg that may fetch in Philadelphia) &
proceed immediately for this place — Should thou
be carried into France or England upon any suspi-
cion then is no doubt but vessel & Cargo will be
cleared, as it is wholly neutral, but if to France, I
doubt not a good Market willbe found for the
Oil & Bone, of which Hamburg &c will advise thee
& thou may confide in them — but in this case we
wish thee particularly to attend to see the property either
brought away or remitted to London & not left in France
as they admit of no goods being brought out that
will answer at our markets — Should thou load at
Hamburgh for America, I should think it most for our
interest to bring out a few Ton German Steel of first
quality & two hundred ps Russia Ravens Duck, & other
course linens or light Duck suitable for our Markets
we leave thee at liberty to do it — but in this case
great care must be taken in Stowing the dry goods
under the two Decks & after all I think it will be best
to make a long Tarpolin of new Duck to go all over
the Deck in such a manner that if any waters falls
upon it it may run off —

Don't fail writing me on all occasions
& let me know what business thou art going into
& remit all thy fr^s as before directed, giving me
repeated accounts of them — & wishing the health &c

Added to E Smiths Orders

Herewith thou has Invoice & Bill Lading of

124 Casks Spermaceti Oil & 50 bundles Wt. Bone for my account — my Brothers also will give the Invoice & Bill Lading of theirs, & they desire the same directions may be followed with it that I have given to the relation to my own in the foregoing Sheet — I want thee to pay particular attention to the Sheet no 6 to have it signed by two Merchants at what ever port the Cargo may be landed at, as by that I shall recover a drawback upon those parcels of Oil — make out also a Copy & have two of them signed & if thou art likely to stay some time in Europe, go before a Magistrate & give thy affirmation to the certainty of those being the Casks of Oil & the Bone Entred at Newbedford for Exportation in the said Brig & send me any of them by the earliest conveyance — Should thou load with Plaister of Paris & not have Spirit on board, go to Philadelphia & value upon our Friend Joseph Anthony & Son —

wishing thee prosperity I remain thine

To Citizen Dawes

6 mo 20. 1794

The Owner of the Ship Harmony Capt T. May which arrived in this Port last Fall, is now here from Dunkirk, & having endeavoured to Compromise with the Underwriters upon that Ship, was not able to make any settlement with them, & it seemed necessary to fit her for sea, & let her Compleat her voyage, back to Dunkirk upon their risk, on beginning some repairs She proved doubtful, & we will have a survey made upon her, which will be here inclosed for thy information — as he wishes to take every step that may legally entitle him to justice from the Underwriters — he desires thy directions & authority if necessary to sell the Ship for the benifit of the Insurers in such away as thou may think best —

As Wm Tobey Esq. is our Auctioneer, if agreeable to thee to authorize him to make the Sale, it will oblige him —

what directions thou will please to give him wherely he can move with safety & legality will be gratefully received — The Ship was insured in London —

I am with respect &c

to Edmund Randolph Esq. 6 mo 3. 1794

Having been sensible of the unfortunate sufferers by the late Spoliations in the West Indies, in consequence of the Capture of the Brig.ne Union Thomas Cottle Master, We take the liberty of inclosing thee, the Captains protest by our Notary together with Copies of the accounts of Expences arising from the adjudications of that Vessel at a Court of Vice admiralty at Dominica the Originals of which we have deposited in the Notaries Office —

We have collected the whole amount of those expences together with an estimate of the damages sustained to the Cargo by the long detention she met with, & suffered with the Brig.ne Charter during that delay — all which we beg thy attention to, in forwarding in such manner & with such alterations as thou may think best. —

No Cause of seizure having been alledged, We conceive our demand for the Damages & Expences to be founded in justice, & wish it may be attended with success — with esteem I am &c —

6 mo 30. 1794

Joseph Anthony Esqr

Your esteemed favour of 16th instant came duly to hand with a bill of Oil & Shoes, for your attention thereto I am much obliged, — I note your observation upon the price of Casks they are also up in Boston 1803 but I think your recommendation is best to follow, as the prices are generally lower than with you —

I shall be glad you will place the whole amt. of the balance now due my Uncle H. Rotch together with the little matter of Interest if rec.d to my Cr. in the B Bank Book

I hope you will find a Sale for the Oil before long, altho I am in no doubt but it will command a Market the ensuing Fall, as this Country is much drained of it — & I hear the Contractors are now cautg. the small Holders to turn in their Oil to enable them to complete their engagements — I am much concerned that you are still in advance for me, but hope you will, before long to replace the money from some of the Sales — Capt. F. May has been much concerned least the late act of Parliament should prevent the payment of his bills which you negociate, but a late letter from my Father says they will not be affected thereby but will be paid — I am yours &c

6 mo 30. 1794

to Wm. Clap

I have been mostly absent from home since the receipt of thine of 6th inst. I have now added hereto Invoice of the box Silks, such of them as thou may like to take at the prices thou art at liberty to do, at 60 days Cr. — or discount of the interest for prompt payment which I prefer — the Quality of the goods being good & not high I cannot reduce the price, I beg thee to returne what what thou art not willing to take, by next stage, as I have prospect of selling them soon — I now inclose what I forgot before, the patterns of part of 4 pc excellent Stone Br. Cloth which I wish thy Bro for, I sell them here 36/ I am &c thine &c

See Invoice Book folio 100

6 mo 30. 1794

to Thos. H. Jones

I shall be obliged by information if the 2 boxes of looking Glass plates are on hand & what prospect thou has of their Sale, if they will not sell in Boston I wish them sent elsewhere — thy early information of the probability will much oblige thy Assured Friend — I am —

to Joseph Hussey 7 mo 1. 1794

I duly rec.d thine of 11th ult at Newport & replied thereto. — since which I am without any of thy favours. I fear thou should contract for the 200 bbls Candy I not have enough on hand. I have shipd by Wm Allen who saild yesterday 50 bbls as p Invoice inclosd —

Thou will please to omit paying him the freight, as it is paid in account — I think thou had best ship the sails by Allen as WS have a Ship here to which perhaps they may be applied if not worn out —

The Plate may remain until thou hears from some of the family — If thou can without inconvenience to mine pay the Treasurer 100 Dollars on San.l Joys acc.t for Dartmouth Tax for 1793 it will oblige me very much, & send me his rec.t as he has left the money with me — I am with respect &c

to Samuel & Miers Fisher 7 mo 4. 1794

Since I closd my letter to Bro.r S F I have rec.d a box of Looking Glass plates which I have shipd by Bunker to your address, as p Invoice above, the prices I have put at nearly the same proportions to the sizes of those sold for me last year, but your are at liberty to sell them at what they will go at, be it more or less, being apprehensive they will not do better — I have two boxes more in Boston of larger sizes, being from 35 by 26 to 26 by 19 french measure which it will be agreeable to me to send to you if you can find a Sale for them — I am with respect

to Peter Rae Dalton 7 mo 4. 1794

I shall be much oblig'd by thy having the inclosed Orders collected & plac'd to my Credit. viz.t

1 Notch on Parkman & Blake £66. 6. 9 . . 1 — Dollars 221. 12

my Order on A Riche & Son 39 16 277.28

my ditto on Parkman & Blake 57

To Andrew Richie Esqr 7 mo 4. 1794

No application having been made me since Your AR was here, for any order upon you, I have now sent an Order to the Bank for the balance of Ship Thorns Acount - say for 39: 16 Dolls cents Your paying said Bill when presented will much oblige - I shall be glad to hear what price you give for Exchange on London as I am in daily expectation of having some to dispose of - with respect I am &c -

To Timothy Pickering Esqr. 7 mo 6. 1794

Since the passing the Post Office Law, Capt. Silas Parker of Sloop Delight has been waiting to see advertisements for proposals relative to carrying the Mail to Nantucket & back to this place - but altho none have appeared he has nevertheless found another packet has been established, said to be owned one Quarter by the Post Master at Nantucket, & the Mail given to her, said to be at the rate of 120 Dollars P annum - As I am clear this transaction has been without thy knowledge, I take the liberty to state a few observations for thy information - I altho I own one ~~4~~ half the Delight, I am certainly more guided by the interest of the Capt: a very industrious honest man than by my own - for as I only draw one Quarter of what he makes, I am thankful in being in a situation that, that proposition would be no object of contention with me - Capt: Parker has been 3 years in this Packet the first that made the attempt, he has most faithfully discharged his duty since he has carried the Mail - From the 1st day of the 3d month 1793 to the 1st of 3d mo. 1794 carried the Mail 70 times to Nantucket & 70 times back to this place - which considering his being Stoped several weeks during the winter by the Ice -

is as much as can ever be expected. of any vessel
& I am clear the communication will be as usually
kept up, by her conveyance as if she was compelled to
start only on receiving the Mail, and no objections
can have been chargeable upon Capt. Parker in the
least degree — and all that have been suggested
are his having sometimes sailed from this port on the
day on which the Mail ~~arrived~~ was expected in —
and once last ~~year~~ winter coming from Nantucket
without a single Passenger, on this passage fell in
with a Nantucket Ship in great want of a lighter
to take part of her Cargo that she might Cross the Bar —
She stopd & took a freight & returned —

The new Packet has I think never yet sailed from this
place but on the days a mail was due. Capt Parker
has since this morning week sailed 3 times for Nantucket
& the N Packet only one & is not yet returned, that 2 Mails
are now in the Office. which would have gone this Morning
but for the Variation — as I know it is not thy disposition
to change the order of things where no fault can be charged
I hope in reward of the industry of Capt Parker & consistent
with thy common practice thou will still order
the Mail to him at such price as thou shall think
best. upon condition that he be only obliged to carry it
when he does go, for if the other Packet is obliged to wait for it
for 120 Dol. Parker is very willing he should have it. Capt Parker
informs me he some time since requested W T to write thee
he would carry it as he had done for 100 Dol. & this was
done before he had heard of the other price

Submitting this matter to thy consideration & craving
thy attention to it I am

PS if it is not my disposition to boast, but although there are
5 or more proprietors in the new Packet I would willingly
compound with the Post Office to pay to the Revenue 20 ⅔
times as much postage as they all together pay —

NB this not added to the letter

The Packet Lively sailed from this port time 6 mo 29th & 7 mo 3
& 8 on 6 mo 30 — also on 7 mo 3 & 6th. & Packet 6th at 8 Oclock & the
Lively did not get in until after this letter was put into the Office

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7 mo 6. 1794

To Boott & Pratt

I wrote you the 16th Ulto, & last evening rec'd a letter from my father who says he has paid Boott Wright & Bently £656. Stg. with interest & cost of protest, for the two protested bills, which Bills with protests he has sent me — that I hope that transaction has not proved to your injury — it being wholly owing to the Act of Parliament that they were not paid —

I shall be obliged by your information what price you can allow me for Exchange on London — I am hourly in expectation of resources upon which I may draw — I am yours &c

7 mo 8. 1794

To Citizen John Jatau

Several of the Captains of the Dunkirk Ships have apprehended, that their Owners in France would receive the Bounty from the Government that they would have been entitled to, provided they arrived in France, if they can send them the Consuls Certificate, that those Ships have in consequence of the Dangers of the War come to this port & are here waiting their Owners Orders, I should think there be nothing out of the line of the Consular Office to grant such a Certificate or Certificates, certifying the cause of their coming here, & their having brought their Cargoes of Oil & Bone with them, I beg they would request the same of the Consuls for the Ships mentioned on the other side, if Certificates are given of several together, all those for Dunkirk may be put on one but if each separate no observation need be made, — if they will please to send them to me, with the expences I will take care to forward the amount, Crave the attention thereto of Capt. May will be very of the Consuls further directions relative to the Harmony as he is only detained in this Country by that business — &c

Ship Judeth, Brothers, Harmony, Edward, Benjamin, & Negre

I duly rec^d thine of 25^th May & 19^th Ult. & have noted the contents. I saw one of the house of Thurston & Franklin at Newport but could make no sale of the Negus Oil — at present Speculations in that Article are discouraged though the difficulties of obtaining any remittance from France the only place that promises advantage —

Should I have remittances for the Shipments I made last winter I would willingly take the Negus Oil on the Terms the Betsys Sold at —

I hold it at 60 d^s ff Ton. & if any occasion presents to ship it from here, I shall take some of it

I did not receive thine of the 2^nd until last evening — J. Haskell delivered the Articles sent by him on the 7^th wh: agree with thy invoice except one Boat Anchor Short — I shall enquire of him respecting it, having delivered only 2 — I shall dispose of the whole in the best manner for the concern —

Thy Order on J. Dubattet for 216/100 Dollars I shall send forward & when rec^d place to thy Credit

The wish of my Uncle to dispose of the Ships would induce me to consent to their Sale at a low rate, the Negre is not a profitable Ship for the Fishery being 268 Tons & only capable of bring^g 150 Tons of Oil — Would She bring the common proportion of her Tonnage, I should not doubt her selling here for 6 or 700 Dollars, but as she is, it is really more than she is worth for the Fishy — yet I think she would sell at as good a price as any one would give upon Speculation. If you can find what price can be obtain'd for her & let me know, as good or better can be had here I think she had better be Sold — I leave the to dispose of the Betsy upon any terms thou may think proper, as I know nothing of her, I can give no opinion of her value, I am &

7mo 12.

To P R Dalton

I beg thy care in collecting the inclosed Check No 22 ~~L~~ Wm Robb drawn upon Union Bank 7mo 10 ——— Dol 460 —
J Thubauds order on Jno Dubattet 2 July 24 - 7 Cents
484.7
& when collected please to place them to acct.
of thy respectful frd — W R 2

7mo 14. —

Wrote to W Burroughs to procure the following articles when he can do it for Candles for the Ship Barclay - 2 hhds Molasses - 2 bls Rum - 1 Chest Tea 10 barrels Beef 6 bls Pork - 10 bushels Beans

To John M.c Kim (Baltimore) 7mo 18. 1794

Capt Barstow

This letter por fr.d Did not go Being destitute of any correspondent in Baltimore, I having often heard of thee, & particularly from my friends Sam.l & Miss Fisher, I take the liberty of requesting thy care of a small shipment of Spermi Candles as p inclosed Invoice & Bill lading — as I am not informed whether thou art in the commission line of doing business or not, I request if thou art not thou would do me the favour to put them in the hands of some person who will be likely to sell them — they are an Article of my own Manufacture, & I warrant them pure & of the best quality Should thou be in the way of selling them, I shall be glad to keep thee supplied with them though the year, or the same to the person thou may consider them to — they sell in Philad.a a 2/6 your Currency & 2/6 for each Bar, the ~~sale~~ price at all our Markets in New England is 2/9 as in the Invoice — I am &c —

To Edward Davis

7mo 19. 1796

Thine of 17th. I duly recd. by thy Son whose business I respect has succeeded to his reputation, in which I was pleased with rendering him all the assistance in my Power. I it would have given me additional pleasure if my engagements would have allowed of my Paying greater attention to him during his Short Stay in Town — I am daily in expectation 1620 dollars remitted fm Philadelphia to the B Bank Boston to my Credit — that sum I want Laid out in 6 p Cent Stocks. I wish thou wd make enquiry as soon as thou finds it an object purchase to that amt on the best terms thou can. which I hope will not exceed 18/- thou may rely upon my Checks upon the information of its being contracted for or before if needful — thy attention here will oblige thy Friend

Jo J Siebaud

7mo 21. 1796

my last was 12th since wch I am without any of thy favr I have last week contracted for all the Negro Oil & Bone. to be delivered in all next week — the Oil at 60 Dolls & Bone at 8d Lino. without any allowance payable at 4 & 6 months the Drawback reserved to the Ship so far as we have examined it does not appear to have leaked much & I hope it will be in my power to forward the Sale of it in a short time — Waiting thy reply relative to the price thou can obtain for the Negro — I am —

7mo 28. 1796

Dear Friend

Edm Prior Thy obliging favr of 16th has reached me together with the 900 Dollars & Wilbur wh I shall pass to thy Cr as also 840 Dr p. Rodman & Ch. the with Coffin's Bill — I am much obliged by thy attention to this business besides desiring thou would Ch me thy Customy Commission

I hope the sale of the Hair will be effected, & if by
reducg. the price will obtain good security I wish it may
be done Thou may rely upon my early information
should my dear father arrive in this Quarter —

The Polly & Coffin pursued her voyage no far-
-ther than St. Helana & thence took a pr. for Amsterdam
of £675 ℔ She is now hourly expected with a Fr. to Boston
Should she arrive & ℔. ℔ can be had for flour to France
I shall have no objection to sending her there — altho
she is to small, but I had rather risk only the vessel when the
hazard is great than put in a Cargo. so long as the present
troubles continue except it be a Load of Oil to France —
thy further information if pr.s continue in demand will
oblige me — I wish thee to give me seasonable information
of thy sale of Candles — & I am also much in want of
thy Sales of the Sp. Oil sent thee last year —

The Pork I shall hold to nett the Cost —

Our Ship Barclay left Havre on the 14th. of 5mo. for
London & my father wrote me on the 8th. if no Ship appeared
before her for Nyk he should put her up for that Port —
Tho it was a time that an account of the Embargo no Ship
could be expected from America, I hope she will procure
a pr. — on her arrival it is my intention to send her
to the Western Ocean on a Whale voyage, & I shall want
for her 80 bw. Ship Bread ab. ℔. your Cuy. better than your
common Ship Bread & 20 bc. of still better Quality — if thou
can have that prepared conditionally without inconvenience
I shall be glad to have it made & well dried — for if any
thing prevents the ship's comming or we should be involv
in a war I shall not want it — in 1792 thou sent me a few
hhd. free of sap wood hoops that cont. 2 do. 25 of them I suppose
would hold that Quantity of Bread & I shall be glad to have
such also conditionally prepared — if not already made &
with the head to be made much fuller than they are used to
making that the joints may be open when new as the Oil shrinks them
& the Hoops become to small — if those are not to be had perhaps you think

To Citizen Dannery 7 mo 22. 1794

Thy Obliging favour of 17th I have rec.d together with thy authorisation for the Sale of the Ship Harmony, & Copy of a Petition to be signed by the owner & Capt. the latter being of Nantucket I have signed as his agent with Capt. May the owner —

For thy attention to this troublesome business Capt May & myself return thee our thanks —

Orders are now going down for advertiseing anordg thy directions —

The bearer Capt. J Hussey of the Ship Benj.a of Dunkirk is Son of B Hussey of Dunkirk Principle owner of the Ships Judith Edward & Benj.a now hereby Father has given him directions to sell the Hull of the Ships Judith, & Old Rotten Ship in Order to apply her Materials to a New Ship, he will want thy liberty & directions relative thereto, which I request thou will favour him with — As to the authority of Capt. Hussey to act therein thou may rely upon its beg consistent with the owners wishes —

Capt. Hussey is an owner in the Ship Edw.d & Benj.a & it was at his request I wrote the Chancellor on the 8th relative to some Certificates of thou Ships being here in hopes of obtaining the Bounty, thy opinion relative thereto will oblige both him & myself — The Harmony's inventary is inclosed with request Sam

8 mo 2. 1794

to Gibbs & Channing

Your favour of 29th ult to hand, & by Capt. Bunker I have sent 100 Boxes Spermaceti Candles as pr bill inclosed — Since I sent you the then Parcel I have sold none at under 2/9 & a considerable Qty at that price which I consider the market Price, if they are sold lower in New Port, I mean to conform to the market — I am obliged by your having ent.d the Shares in the Bridge & am glad to hear

216 Gibbs & Channing 7mo 24. 1794

I duly rec.d yours of 21. I duly
note the contents — we have just contracted
to ship all the Spi. Oil we have on hand to Europe
should any come in that we can comm.d &
fix upon terms agreeable to you, it shall be
our care to give you information —

The 100 boxs Candles we can supply as also the
residue due you, when ever you may want —

We are much obliged by yours rec.d for the
10 shares in the Bridge for us as it was mine
& Brothers intention to become subscribers, we
have extended the information & have agreed to
divide them as below — with.h Esteem &c —

Subscribers to the Bridge

Seth Russell & Sons	2 shares	
Cornelius Howland	1 —	10 shares
Thos. Hazard Jr.	1	
Tho.s Robt.	2	
Wm. Robt. Jr.	4	

8mo 2 1794

To John Haskins Jun.r

Thine of 25.th ult.o I duly rec.d yesterday
& observe thy contents proposals, & should be glad to furnish
thy vessel with Cordage, but cannot do it upon the terms as last
year — if thou will send me the Hemp we will make it
as soon as we can & deliver it at 11. ₱ lb.s or will make
it of yarns on hand immediately, the Hemp of good Quality
to be sent by the first conveyance or within 4 weeks at 8 ₱ lb.s

Or if the late unhappy sufferings by fire in Boston
does not advance the Price of Hemp or Cordage, I will
furnish the at 60 ₱ lb.s payable on Delivery or interest there-
-after in three months — I am &c —

T. J. Thebaud

8 mo 1. 1794

Thine of 25th Ult. reached me by last mail & duly note thy observation relative to the sale of the Negres Cargo. by mine of 25th Ult thou will be informed thereof. it is not all delivered but will be next week

I wish thee to reserve the Betsys materials, for a short time, as I am expecting a Ship from London to New York, that will come directly here, when the Casks will come unshocked,

There is now an application from Boston for the Negre. & I have examined her with the Person, we find her Copper Quite worn out forward, & her sails in poor Order, that I doubt if more than 500 or 600 £ Stg can be obtained for her, if thou can do better with her than that I think thou had better sell her if not, & thou think with me I had better sell her if she will command that price, Please to give me thy earliest information, as it is time something was done with her, She must be caulked & Graved or she will take injury

I am &c—

to Timothy Pickering Esq.

8 mo 1. 1794

Since I wrote thee on the 6th Ult.

I have seen thy advertisement for Proposals for carrying the mail to Nantucket & back to this Place, & the two Post Masters having been consulted & several Principal Persons in both neighbourhoods We all concur in opinion that it will facilitate the conveyance of the mail for both the Packets now employed between those two Ports to be upon the same establishment, in which case they will each engage for one of them to be at this Place on the arrival of the mail & Start with it immediately wind & weather permitting— & the same in returning, Provided they can have

one hundred Dollars each, & this is supposed no more than adequate to the disadvantages they will lay under being obliged to go Passengers or no Passengers — this Proposal the Masters of the two Packets desire me to make in their behalf — which if thou approves & will order the Postmasters accordingly, due attention will be Paid — I am &c —

8 mo 2. 1794

To Joseph Hurd

Conformable to thy request I have Shipped the residue of the Oil as p inclosed Bill p the Sloop Mayflower Jerich Kempton Master, which I wish safe to hand, Yesterday Morning Capt Leighton sailed, & in the afternoon the Nantucket Packet arrived with 224 bundles whale Bone from Gardner & Swain & having no Orders what to do with it in case the vessel was gone I presumed upon directing it into the Mayflower, & agreed the freight should be the same as from Nantucket, supposing thou would prefer having it all together — & not being able to ascertain the weight in order to pay the freight, I took the Liberty to open their letter to J Houghton & paid accord.g to the Bill — all which hope will meet thy approbation Capt. Leighton had occasion to draw upon thee for 70 Dollars for which I have his draft & shall send it to the Bank for Collection — to gether with bill of the Oil am.t £1502.13.1 —

224 Bone 7178 lb

we furnished the Capt with 200 in Specie agreeable to thy request. & inclose his receipt Lad.g

8 mo 2.

To J Anthony & Son

Your of 15 ult. I duly r.d & note your having plac.d to my Cr. in the Bank 1630 Dol. on Act of my Uncle ER inclus.d £13.17. Interest rec.d by virtue of my Power — I note y.r remarks upon the dull Sale of Oil & am glad our Powers in good Order, there can be no doubt with if it can be kept until cold weather as I conclude there is not in England 10 tons to go to Market. & of render for Oil

Sam

To Saml & Wm Fisher 8mo 2. 1794

Your fav. of 15 Ult. came duly to hand & I am sorry my little commission proves so dull but if no more than 80 Dol. can be procured for the box of Glass plates I leave you at liberty to dispose of them as it is not probable they will advance —

The How hope you will close the Sale of on the best terms you can if low as I am no friend to keeping property inactive —

To Jos Shipley 8mo 2. I am —

Thine of 15. Ins covering Treasurers rect for £30 to thy Cr. Ins'd & Akers & pl Deck. & Sails & Thetable Cain

If the great rise of Hemp & Cordage has effected the price of those articles I shall be obliged by thy giving me the earliest information — & as we have near 20 tons excellent tarred Yarn on hand I shall take it as a particular favour if thou will post thyself of the knowledge of what demand there now is for Cordage as I can have that quantity laid up & form'd in a short time, & will warrant of the best kind. If thou can sell 10 tons or more to be laid to any dimensions at a price that will net me here 10 Dol or more (if thou thinks the future price of hemp will warrant it) after paying for it & thy Comm. I can proceed it soon or if thou can procure me 4 or 5 tons hemp to make into Cordage I will have it done in the best manner at 4 p. ℔ Cr. & deliver at the Walk thou knows the Character of our foreman W. S.

please send me by Mayflower (Capt Brown to sail next week by whom I send a few Sticks of Mohogony to try the Market

I am

8 mo 2. 1799

To Peter Rae Dallon

Thou will much oblige me by presenting the inclosed Order on J Hurd for 70 Dolls drawn by S Leighton & when and please place it to my Cr. I am

To Wm Clap

8 mo 4. 1799

Thine of 11th Inst duly rec'd & note thy taking part of the Box silks to the amt 92.2.6 the Skow rec'd I avail myself of the first conveyance to send the Bill Cloth amounting as p Bill £ . at 90 days - it admits of no profit upon the Article exported —

My sister has added an elegant Marseilles bed Quilt which she wishes thee to sell at 20 dollars if thou can do it, it will oblige her & myself —

Jerich Kempton in the Sloop Mayflower carries the Box, & sails in the morning — I am &c —

To Joseph Hussey

8 mo 4th

By Jerich Kempton in the Sloop May flower I have sent thee as per inclosed Invce 50 boxes Candles for acct Wm Polk & Sons & 25 for acct Fr Potts - & 4 logs of Mahogony which desire thou will find the value of & sell it. I have a few more logs of equal goodness. I have sold it here for 7 to 9 ₵ Foot, but doubt its selling for that with you — Please to send me by Kempton 1 Ca Sp Brown & 1 Ca Dry white lead — if thou can help Kempton to any fr I shall be glad thou would do it — should thou in consequence of my letter of 2 sent by Capt T Adams, find any Kemp to send me to make into Cordage, he can take it —

I am &c

8mo 4. 1794

To Joseph Hurd

I wrote thee by Capt Th. Adamson the 2d. inclosing bill of the first oil I now inclose the bill of the last oil p. Mayflower as p. Bill Lad.g amo.g £343. 3. 11
paid D Ricketsons bill indorsd 1. 1. 9
paid freight Bone fm Nantucket . . . 1. 1. 6
£343. 7. 2

The £300 that was to be paid down or go an interest I shall be glad to recieve as soon as thou can make it convenient, & whinever thou can pay it please to place it to my Cr. in B Bank & inform me thereof.
with due respect I am &c

to John Haskins Junr.

8mo 9. 1794

Thine of this dille I have recd. & note (the Contents) thy Proposals I cannot supply the Cordage in the manner last year nor for Hemp at any futture Period, except upon the follow.g terms the Cord.e to be at the present Boston price & paym.t in 90 Days in Cash or Hemp at Cash Price in Boston at that time - or if thou will send the Hemp I have will have it made as speedily as possible at 4. p.r lb. my fr.d J H writes on the 6th that Cordage now sells a 6 p.r lb is in demand, but I am willing thou & he should fix for me what is the present Price if he will take the trouble of it
I am &c

To Peter Roe Dalton

8mo 9. 1794

I request thy care in having the annexed Orders collected & have Place to my Cr. & thou will oblige thy Friend — I am &c

Order on Jo.s Storey 800 dollars
Ed.d Davis Junr. 1800 1800

8mo 12. 1796

To Edw.d Davis added to Duplicate of 19th

Craving reference to mine of 19th ult.o

sent by thy son E. I now confirm it the money lays in Bank & will be paid on the Purchase — I have drawn on thy son for 1000 Dollars & sent it to the Bank for collection of which please inform him — Dandle

To Capt.n Laban Coffin 8mo 12,

We had yesterday the pleasure of recev.g thy letter announcing thy arrival in Baston & at same time the unpleasant information of Captain of Hawes (in the B Mary) which I had not heard before,

It has been my hope that on thy arrival I should be able to make busines.s no.t to call me to Baston, but it not being the case, I wish thee to consult oldest fr.d J Hussey relative to the sale of the Ribbans, & follow his advice, or leave them with him to sell on the best terms — The next is to do something with the vessell — & as she is small it would best suit us to sell her provided she will fetch £400 or more at this price we have given the offer to the owners of a Sch.r now loading her for Europe wh.ch proves rotten — but have enjoin'd them not to name the Price if they do not take her, if they do or if no prospect of sale presents it will be best to pick up fr.m naugh to Balast if to be found without detention & come round as speedily as possible — if same balast is wanted hope thou can get it below without purchasing — On all these matters thou will please to consult J.s H.y — & direct him to procure the Articles to come by the Polly if she comes round if not I do not want them sent except the Planks by Kempton & the large Glass — Please also to inform him

J H J that I rec.d his letter & draw upon him in favour of the Bank 800 Dollars agreeable to his Offer having immediately want for the money —

I have already wrote J H relative to procuring some hemp for us to work, if he can find any, it may help load or balast, or if he has sold any Cordage agreeable to my request, I can purchase 2 or 3 Tons of hemp at 50£ or less he may put that in — Should any offer be made for Chartering the Vessel independent of visiting J Mannings I wish to know the terms —

I have requested Capt.r Mayhew to give thee such advice as he may think best, with whom please to consult if necessary — I am &c —

2 hh.ds Molasses (good) bid as low as 3/ 6 hogshead
100 hund.d Liverpool or Lisbon salt, in good white oak m.d bar.ls
3 or 4 well seasoned clear pine plank & desire J Hussey to send the large Glass he has of mine if not like to sell —

I am with respect &c

To Wm Swain

8 mo 12. 1796

I have been this day applied to by one Jack Bama for some assistance in securing his liberation — and as a number of that society established by law for the Assistance of those unjustly held in Bondage, I feel myself bound to make enquiry into the situation of that man, and as I wish not to take any step until I am possessed of a true State of the facts, I wish to give thee his story & request thou will give me thine, & also to make observations for thy consideration — Jack says for his Passage from Woolwich Bay he consented to serve thee 7 months, that when that time was expired, thou told him the indenture was for 7 years that he has served thee 5 years & every voyage loaded the Ship & has now taken this liberty —

unless thou has paid Jack a full equivalent for seven years servile thou art not in Justice entitled to it & although he is now willing to give up all he has acquired for sake of peace provided he can be clear of further Trouble, I am doubtful of its being best for him to, as equal Justice is due to all Men, unless thou has fairly paid the value of so much service — but all I want is to know where the justice of the case lays & thereby I shall gladly be guided — if in thy favour I shall be very glad, but if in Jacks favor I feel myself obliged to it conferred upon him, although it may be at thy expence — Wishing thy reply to this, I am &c

8mo 16. 1794

To Edd Davis Junr

Thine of 11th inst Recd by J Whitemore I have pd him what advice & Assistance in my Power, inclosed thou has Invo or bill of the Cil & Bane, whole amo £1228.6.7 as also amo of the money advd to the Capn & in Payment of the Schoons Bills — £39.13.6 for which last amo thou will please deposit to my Cr in the B Bank — for my Assistance therein thou & the Owners are fully welcome — I am obliged by thy having paid my drafts of 1000 Dollars which is placed to thy Credit, and for the bala say £928.6.7 I shall be further obliged by thy note with such security as is agreeable. Deposited also at the B Bank at 90 days for 13 inst whenever it may be in my Power to render thee or thy frd any further Assistance, it will give me pleasure — with respect I am &c

To Booth & Pratt

8mo 16. 1794

I duly recd your favours of 8 4th & 12th inst I note your observations upon the course of Exchange for which I am obliged — Untill this moment I am totally ignorant of the cause of my Property long since ordered to England — as soon as I hear of it you may depend upon hearing from me — & I shall endeavour to accommodate you with all I can — with respect I am Yours &c

To Thomas Adams 8mo 16th 1794

The sale of the Negre is now left wholly with me — a Company here are desirous of having her for a whaleman but if I sell her at £1620 — free of the wholy Materials. I shall reserve her for thy refusal — I have not yet possessed myself sufficiently with the knowledge of her value to fix any Price, which I shall do in a few days. Should thee be disposed to purchase her at that Price I will inform me by next post, thou may depend upon my answer at the very next conveyance — with due respect I am &c

To Joseph Hussey 8mo 16. 1794

I duly rec.d thine of 6th. with Sales of 140 Boxes Candles 17pds to thy Dr. £562.3.6 which are satisfactory — I am oblig'd by thy enquiry & information relative to Cordage & Hemp — hope thou may find some to send me to work — I have had occasion to draw upon thee for 800 dollars conformable to thy proposal — my business must wade if I do not receive some intelligence of my Property being at my command in Europe not yet having in Power to draw — that as fast as thou art in Cash forward thy informa-

I hope the Polly will sell at a good Price, if not I wish thee not to Purchase any salt — as our Ship Barclay was to sail from ~~England~~ London for Boston first of last month to stop to Lemington to fill up with that article — I wish thee to be making some calculation for the sale of her Cargo, as soon as it arrives — with respect I am &c

To John Hoskins Junr. 8mo 16. 1794

Thine of the 12th I have before me & shall furnish the Cordage for thy Ship & the Hemp of good Quality to be replaced in 4 or 5 weeks a 8/. 76.c this I take to be conformable to my proposition — I want to make the contract conditional, It may operate to my disadvantage, but on these terms it will be the more safe

I am &c

To Joseph & W. Russell

8 mo 16. 94

I duly rec.d yours of 31.th month & duplicate thereof with two letters for J Crowell, & altho I have neglected writing you thrice upon I have not neglected to attend to the business — Your letter reminded me to late to sue the mortgage last term, but I have put into the hands of our Attorney Th.s Hammond to sue at next Term — & he will endeavour to cover the whole dept, with the mortgage, yet is doubtful of Crowells being excluded thereby, if not he is still safe I think for that Sum & gives incouragment of doing something therein — The land has much advanced in value since the Security was taken but another Suit will lay against it — You may depend upon my care —

I am yours &c

8 mo 1794

To David Anthony

By desire of W.m Rotch Jun.r I have shiped of the Sloop Mayflower Cap.t J Kempton, 90 boxes Sp.t candles candles, as p Inv.t incl.d 60 of which are on his own acc.t & 30. belong to W.m R & S — I wish thee to keep a seperate acc.t of the latt, but make no difference in the Sales, W R & Son marked # all of which I wish thee to dispose of on the best terms thou can for the interest of the concerned — I am &c A Barker

P.S. as thee has had same candles of W R & S before with directions, thou art informed of the Procedure necessary to take relative to this Inv.e of mark # —

9 mo 13. 94

Dear Uncle T Rotch

My last to thee was 5 mo 26. by Scott of Alfred Cap.t S Mary
Duplicate forwarded
& duplicate of Cunningham, since which I have rec.d thine of 25. may, particulars of which I have attended to, not withstanding thy former directions, a sudden rise in the funded Stocks of this Country has delayed my laying out the money thou directed, it is now therefore subject to thy last Order —

& I shall take the most prompt way of remitting it to thee altho at a very disadvantagious time. Exchange being very high & there by no prospect of their being lower during this fall — 30 day good bills command 10 p Cent.

J Thibaud has sold the Betsey's Oil & Bone at 6 mo & perhaps 3 mo has elapsed, I have last month closed the Sales of the Negres Oil & Bone at 120 days. Oil £18. bone £ Lno. the drawback reserved, which when rd will come to thy Credit, proof of its beg. landed in foreign port must first be obtained — I have also within a few days sold the Negre at £1600 pounds Lno was it not for the great encroachments upon our Navigation she would have sold higher, but as she cannot have an American Register, she is well sold. the terms of payment half in 3 months & half in 6 mo — J Thibaud has tried the Betsy at Auction & bo.t her back at £500. Currency he had determined to sell at £1000 —

My fr.d & H & H. Jones. had last winter my directions to remit Lancaster Bor & Ellide for thy Acc.t £600. Stg. My effects shipd them to the amo. of 4. or 5000 £ Stg was sold conditions to be paid in foreign Exchange on Amsterdam & Hamburgh at par — the remittances were to be made long since & their last letter said my orders should be followed respecting the remittances, of course I hope thou has rec.d the 400 £ — I as I have not made any appropriations upon that fund, except what may be laid out upon & shipd by the Barclay — I shall desire my fr.d Tho.s Dickason & Co. to whom that property was to be remitted, I who I hope have long since rec.d it to pay thee £1600 Stg on my Acc.t what ever may be the premium I obtain for the other I will charge thee — this with the £400. will I hope answer thy purpose; when I receive the proceeds of the Oil, Ship, &c I will forward thy Acc.t Curr.t & the balance shall wait thy Order — T & C. have also my request to pay thee the amo. of the real Estate &c the

the Island if thou has purchased it for me —

P.S. I have not yet settled with Léonard Javis, he thinks to accede to the proposal of £300 - but has not paid it

with respect Return

I am &c —

G mo 13 1794

To Thos Dickason & Co

per Alfred Capt. May & Duplicate per ye ordered

Since my last (respects) which was 5 mo 26 I have been favoured with several of your obliging letters all previous to the Barclays reaching London, wh. not being now before me I cannot have due reference thereto - Your kind attention in communicating the information rec.d from the Brig.e Polly Capt. Coffin meets my hearty thanks, that Vessell has safely arrived ab.t a m.o since —

I am now daily expecting the arrival of the Barclay - & hope with her to have the pleasure of meeting my dear parents & sisters in health — Their safe arrival I hope proceeds from their waiting in London to fill the Ship with goods wh. will be more advantageous than going to Liverpool for Salt

My last letter from Homberg & Co. was dated 15th may in it they say, I may be perfectly easy respecting my remittances that at the delayed, they would be made with safety & according to my Order, which was to remit £400. Stg. to my Uncle J Roth & the remainder to you, as the remr will probably be made thro Amsterdam & Hamburgh, I feel easy as to the event but am sorry for the day — I want to remit to ~~pro~~ my Uncle Roth £1600. Stg. or £2000. Stg. if Hombergs have not remitted him the before mentioned £400. Should you have rec.d money to my Cr sufficient to pay that sum on receipt of this — I shall be greatly obliged by your paying it & taking his bill on me - & if he has in consequence of my request, purchased for my Acc.t a tract of Land in our neighbourhood for which payment is due, I beg you further to pay him the amo.t

thing & take also his bill upon me — the great diffi-
culty of procuring Good bills at this time induces the
above request, otherwise, I should have remitted my
Uncle & waited until I heard you were in Cash — London
Exchange was by my last account from New York 60 p.

My father informed me 6 mo. 24. that the Mary was
discharged & was reputed to be delivered up that day I
hope that was done & that some advantageous bus-
-iness has been found for her — I doubt not your
attention to have justice done me for that Vessels
detention & also for the payment of her freight —

PS Should you be in Cash for my acc.t & can I am
purchase for me 20 Tons or 1/2 of very good white Sp.t M.s
at a price that with the Charges & Commission can
be delivered on board the Ship not exceeding £10 stg & I
can Ship it at a price not exceeding 50 p.ct stg I shall be
glad to have that Quantity — & I wish it Shipd so
as to reach me in course of the winter, if it cannot
reach me before Spring please omitt it — Jam

9 mo 17. 94

To Edmund Prior
via Newport

Thy obliging favour of 29th ult is now
before me, & I have to acknowledge thy care in forward-
ing my Coats for the dely therein I am sorry thou should censure
thyself, as it has been of no inconvenience to me, & I shod want
it before I should have wrote thee for it — I am sorry thou has
had so much trouble respecting the Hair — The Polly for
whom I was calculating a freight we have sold — I am glad
to find thou has finished the Sales of thy Candles — & shall en-
deavour to give thee a further supply, by the Mayflower who
on her return from Boston will go directly for New York —

My A B tells me he has sent thee Sales of thy last
Work a considerable quantity more would have sold, & prob-
ably will yet before winter — I am in want of some of
best Quality for a Ship of my own, & one of my brothers, for

for a Voyage to the Western Ocean, together with several other Artiles. all which will be noted on the other side — those Artiles I wish thee to have in veiw that they may be ready for the Sloop without detention, & I wish them of best kind & put up in good order — Casks will be sent for the Bread,

I did not mean to limit the Price of the Stock's. at this from the goodness I hoped they would reach 2 dollars, but leave it entirely to thee — with affectionate regard I am

9 mo 22. 1794

To Joseph Anthony & Son

In my absence came to hand your favour of 19th ult inclosing Sales of Candles & Oil, with which & the Sale of the last Oil I am well satisfied. altho I have no doubt of that Artile advancing in price yet from the heat of your Summers & the baking of the Oil I think it best it should be sold — £40 — has been recently asked for it in Boston, and I am clear of opinion that there is not enough in this Country for its consumption —

I wish you could advance a little on the Candles under a half a Dollar we cannot manufacture them at the present price of [illegible]. Matter £74. has been given & more is asked — your judgment must guide you herein —

Capt. Francis Macy is yet here, about to Sail for France in 10 days. I shall be oblige by your information, if you have been informed that his bills have been paid, he leaves a power with (with) me. & has written you respecting the money in your hands may be subject to my direction, at present no way opens for its appropriation — with esteem I am &

9 mo 23. 94

To Jan.a Akin

I have just received thine of the 21st with the Iron Shovel — and if I gave the any offence in saying if the use of it had not compensated for thy trouble I would do what was necessary: I am Sorry for it, as it was from my intention, but so useful an article I supposed would have paid its own way, & I had no desire but but for thee to use it until I sent for it, and by the use that it appears has ben made of it, I have no apprehension that I am under any obligation to thee, yet however as I mean

to treat all men with civility. I return thee my thanks for. thy taking it up & keeping it as also for delivering it back again if perceived where I spoke to thee ~~about it Spring before last a disposition in the, that indicated to me thou thought thyself intitled to it. I acknowledge I felt ashamed to see such a disposition in one of my neighbours who I respected.~~ I am sorry to observe in thy letter an illeberal & unmanly ~~observation~~ reflection on my conduct I suppose by my sending for the Shovel ~~enjoy the trifling spoil of thy avarice. I am now more confirmed that my opinion of thee was justly formed. since my demanding it, has~~ induced thee to give me such an insult as thy letter conveys in saying, "but I hope if you" have made a charge of it to the underwriters "on the Brig you will give them credit when" you receive it." As I know no Gentleman would have made that observation, I pity the disposition that originated it, and sincerely desire thou would in future act more consistently with the Character thou would wish to sustain. the Shovel thou returnd I borrowed of my neighbour Austin, & replaced it with a new English Shovel at my own expence and I will even condescend to tell thee I never charged the underwriters with one farthing for it, ~~nor with several other charges that I should have been ashamed of, that I had to pay~~, altho I could with justice have done it. and I will further condescend to tell thee the Underwriters were well satisfied with my conduct & made me ample compensation for my care in that busines — Notwithstanding thy insulting treatment I subscribe myself thy friend — I am &c

To Edmund Prior

9 mo 22. 1794

I wrote the via Newport on 17 ths advising of my intention of sending the Mayflower Jireh Kempton master to New York for provisions for the outfit of two Ships to the Pacific Ocean. that Letter I hope will be in Season for the bread to be well dried by the time he will be ready to take it — Casks now goes for bread, & I crave thy attention that the Provisions be all of the best quality. By Kempton I shall ship 100 boxes Candles for thee, and by brother Rodmans request boxes for James Parsons & Son & as my brother Thomas Rotch is on a Journey to the Eastward with our friend Evans. I think to put on board 30 boxes for his Acct & since Thurston & Franklin have dissolved their Connection Thos having had no corrispondent. I think it will be agreeable to him to divide the busines & wish if agreeable to Ja's Parsons Jun & thy Kinsman to receive his & dispose of them for Thomas' Acct — I hope thou will excuse this innovation, but the Sloop not being yet here & my hope of being daily called to meet my dear relatives in Boston. occations my making

this arrangement least I should be absent.— I leave the to act thy judgment with respect to the price but really wish it could be advanced to 50 Cents for that is the lowest price they can be afforded at from the present enormous price of head Matter £74 Tmo ℔ Ton was the last price given—
Having 2 boxes of Looking Glass plates ship'd me from France I have sent them with boxes of 14 by 16. window Glass of a good quality. which hope thou will be able to sell at the invoice— if not I wish the sale to be closed as Speedily as may be—please to say if the 7 by 9 Glass left by Wilber will sell—

I have requested Elihu Bunker to send me two Thousand hoops & draw upon thee for the Amount. whose draft I shall be obliged by thy accepting—
The widow of Cap.ⁿ West desires I would pay thee a debt due from him, please to draw upon her in my favour & I will settle it— with affectionate regard I am &c

To Jo.ª Shebard

9mo 22. 94

Since the receipt of thy two favors of 8th ult. I have Sold the Negre free of her Whaling Materials at £1600 Tmo. half in 90 days & half in 6mos and have sold those Materials at public Auction.
I used my endeavours in Boston to sell the Ship without any prospect of a Market. the persons who were in treaty wholy declined unless I would hold one third of her, conceiving a Ship under her circumstances would be subject to Suspisions & detentions— I at last closed with some of my neighbours at the above price, who have purchased her for a Whale voyage. thinking in the rout they send her, She will not be subject to much inspection— I have yet seen nothing to convince me but that taking all circumstances into view she is well Sold—
The knock'd Down Cask came in miserable order, being more than half the bundles broken which renders it impossible they should be put up again—

& the bundles of hoops were also mostly broken, that I thought best to sell them at Audion, the sales I shall forward if possible with this.—

To William Coffin

9 mo 22. 1794

Three weeks absence from home immediately succeeding the receipts of thy letter with my indisposition since my return, I hope will apologize for my neglect of replyin thereto.

I have duly attended to the content of thy letter & acknowledge thy politeness in sending me a copy of thine to the past master Generals and should have no objection to thy seeing all the letters that have passed between me & Col. Pickering, but as the letter I suppose thou refers to arose merely from the conversation that passed between us when I was with him at Philadelphia, I conceive it quite immaterial to the object of thy suspicions, as I had no view of throwing any censure upon any person — and the only paragraph that has even any reference to thee is this — "Since the passing "the post office Law Cap. Parker has been waiting for proposals "relative to carrying the Mail to Nantucket & back to this "place, but altho' none have appeared he has nevertheless "found another packet has been estabilised said to be owned one Quarter by the Past Master at Nantucket, & the Mail "given to her, said to be at the rate of 120 Dol P Annum" a justification of S Parkers conduct considering the very trifling compensation he received, follows and same general observations upon the Communication between our two ports — In answer to min Col Pickering has given me a very polite Letter, by which & by this own, I find what I had not known before that the business of that Mail was principally left with thee — if I had, known that, Nor had personally treated with the post Master General it is probably I should first have consulted thee. And since I was principal in estaplishing that communication with Nantucket & this place, & seeing Cap. Parkers Vessel was half owned by me & we have been so illeberally rewarded for two years transportation of the Mail, I think I had ful as much reason as thou had to expect so much civility, as to be informed of the defects by which the Island suffered inconveniencies, by the old establishment. & more liberal compensation proposed to encourage more attention & punctuallity — but instead of this thou may well think I felt adegree of mortification that no such proposal had been made, but after giving parker 40 Dollars p year, 120 should be offerd another person

After such an event had actually taken place could thou think applying to thee was the way in which redress could probably be obtained I leave thee the judge in thy own case — Agreeable to thy message by B Allen I wrote the P M Gen-eral in behalf of the two packets proposing their uniting & having 100 Dollars each, but he thinks it too high & declines the plan — I am &c

10 mo 14. 94

To John Rogers

Having united with several of our fr^ds at Nantucket & with my Brothers in load^g a Ship of upward of 300 tons of Sperm & whale Oil, we have determined to Consign the Cargo to a Super Cargo to go in the Ship, provided the whole Shippers will agree thereto, as we conceive it unsafe that the Property should rest with a Republican of France for fear of some change that might prove unsuccessfull to our interest —

Should it be in thy way to undertake a Voyage to Havre in this Ship I think thou would have the consignment of the Cargo to amo^t to seven thou^d pounds Stg Sales, for which we should be willing to give 5 ℘ C^t Comm^n Should it be thy intention (as I have had hints) of going next year to the Baltic it would be all in thy way as doubtless the whole busines may be accomplished in a short time — In this Conclusion I am warranted in saying that 185 tons are agreed to be consigned to thee if thou goes & I expect an answer respecting the remainder in two or three days, which I will immediately forward an acc^t of — In mean time I wish thy speedy determination and as early a reply as thou can, the Ship will probably be ready in ten days —

Our Post returns from Boston & Taunton on 5^th and 7^th day & fm newport on 7^th day should thou have no earlier con-veyance —

I am &c

To Gibbs & Channing

10 mo 20^th 1794

On my return from Boston two days since your letter of the 14^th was handed me the contents I have duly noted, and wish you had fixed the terms, by which I could govern myself —

I do not wish to purchase a large Stock of Hemp finding it difficult to keep Spinners but at very high Wages. and Having our Ship Barclay in Boston I purchasd 10 Tons of very excellent Hemp at £48-Cash-a few days ago— £50. is the asking price there on a Credit of 3 or 4 months— but wishing to continue our usual Trade & relying on your doing as well by me as by others I shall approve of your sending me by Cap Kempten what he can take in his hold after takeing a little freight I have at Newport— I wish you had mentiond the price of Iron— It was offerd me in Boston at 23-10 by the Single Ton & was sold by the Quantity at 22-10 —

I am obliged by your advancing upon the afsesmets upon our Shares in the Bridge— I had not heard of the first afsesment until a few dayes before I recd your letter when Seth Rufsell informd me of both, & took the care to pay them both as he expected money for our mutual friend J Robenson If he has not orderd it I will remit it —

If you have a large Supply of Rufsia & Ravens Duck on hand. as now is now here for Sale we wish you to Send a few pieces either to me or Our friend S Rufsell & Sons with your limits. at this Season I think they will not fail to find a market —— I am &c

To Joshua Gilpin 1omo 22. 1794

Thy letter to brother Th.s A coming to hand in his absence. I have so far attended to thy request as has been in my power. & find it probable a good Brig.n of 130 Tons. Hull compleat except painting with all her Spars ready for the Rigging may be built for £ 6.10 or £7. P Ton— & Claghorn who is an Ingenious builder is now at Boston appointed to superintend the building one of the Frigates— Thy Sales and A/C am recd., and brother Thos. have a few more Candles on hand we have Shipped 25 bbls & in lead Invs. which must not be sold under 35 your Currency the great advance upon Oil will not admit of a less Price — respect & esteem I am ——

to Js. Anthony & Son 1omo 23. 1794

I had the pleasure of Capt. Banker's of recvg your favr of 6th inclosg Sales of Oil & Candles wch & of which are placed to your Debit— I am glad

to find you have concluded to hold the Candles at 3/9 it is our constant limits from the great advance upon head Matter - being £80. ₱ Ton -

Spermacite Oil is also greatly advanced none can now be bought under £140 ₱ Ton - Should your market offer a good Prospect for Straind & Whale Oil, I wish your early information as it may be an inducement for us to send a small Cargo on the arrival of a Ship that may soon be dispatched with ~~a~~ Wh.e Oil -

It is pleasing to find you among the many of our freinds participating in the pleasure we have largely shard in having our dear Parents & Sisters restored to us - my father has retained his age very well enjoys good health, but almost - but almost sickend by the wretchedness of Europe Politicks - Our Country seems like a peaceful Asylum compared to the Commotions he has witnessed in that distracted part of the World - when you hear of the payments of Capt. Mays bills I shall not draw for any of that fund - for your obliging offer therein please accept my thanks - Capt. May is to sail for Europe in a few days -

Being very much incommoded by the British French property att. and again obliged to ask y.r Hon.rs to remit to Boston B Bank what money you may have to my Credit - with respect I am - - -

1 mo 22. 1794

To Brown Benson & Ives

In my absence from home your favour 10th came safe to hand, & am sorry it is not in my power to offer you a small supply of Cordage, but the demand has been so large upon us this fall & our Spinners so few that I dare not engage any by the time you mention -

It is probable by 20th next me we could furnish 150 or 200 boxes Candles, but from the Enormous Price of H. M. (having given £80 ₱ ton for all we have purchased this fall) we cannot offer them under 3/. ₱ pound at 6mo Credit — That limitation will accompany our future Shipments — which will be less this year than usual, yet the far greatest quantity in any of the Manufacturers hands at this time — I am —

I have wrote to Russells not — I wrote you

10mo 27. 1794

To Jeffrey & Russell

Your favour of 24th. I duly received I shall pay due attention to your request; their movements are slow but I conclude Capt. Dunham has the 30 Tons whale Oil on b.d Hampton has been at the Point 4 days but has not obtained a single barrel yet — I hope he will get away in 3 or 4 days as he is very anxious to be again —

Not being able to make out any negotiations at this time to facilitate my own payment I am obliged with Bills to send down some paper to be exchanged to bring up 2000 dol. in Specie — I wish you also to send me by one Stage this week 2000 dl. & I hope some portion may occur to draw upon you — I am —

I find the Stage leaves Barton 6th day morning & Falls on 4th & 6th day

10mo 27. 1794

To Joseph Hussey

Your's of 22d I rec.d. I am pleased to have this is omitted being Copied for the want of time —

To Homberg & Homberg frers New Bedford 10mo 24. 1794

I wrote you sometime since via Boston. relative to the proceeds of the two Cargoes of the Ship Barclay & Brig Mary. the delay in remitting those proceeds has exceedingly embarrassed me, and done me much injury, but what can be the occation hereof I cannot immagine having never rece.d a line from you since the 15th May. more than five months I make some allowances for the destruction of letters, which I know have frequently

taken place when Our Ships have been pursued by the British Cruizers — but yet that on so important business I should never hear a word makes me uneasey It was only from your repeated encouragements to me of the advantages of your Market that I was induced to make those Shipments. & from your assurances that the remittance would be immediately made I was also led to send the Brig Union with a small freight of Spermacite Oil — & still encourage to believe that on the Barclays arrival I should certainty be informed that the remittances were made according to my request. I contracted two Months ago for a considerable freight in the Ship Swan Cap. Silas Jones, who is now only ready to Sail — had I known of all this delay, it certainly would have disuaded me from visking any more. but I was led along by hope from day to day, until I was too far engaged to retract, all these circumstances considered with the great difficulty that attends communications by letter. has induced to prevail on Cap^n John Howes to take passage in the Swan, with the single view of obtaining for myself & Shippers in those too Vessels, a completion of the Contract for their Caragoes — and in order to lessen the expence we have thought best to give him the consignment of our present Shipments — It is unpleasant to me to make any charge in my business especially where I have been so well used & satisfied as I have with your former attentions. but I trust under the present circumstances you will be convinced it became necessary, & I hope the order of things will in a short time render a return to the same line quite eligable — Cap^n Howes has my confidence in point of integrity but not being much used to negotiations of this kind, he will stand in need of your Council. which I request you will extend to him —

and as my brother Thomas Rotch is absent & has left his business with me I wish my directions may be considered as to extend to both his property & my own equally — And I wish Cap^n Howes to be consulted and assisted in the care of all the property under your care from us both — that he may negotiate it in such manner that we may be able to realize it — it will certainly operate greatly to the discouragement of the Shipments from this Country to the French Rebublic if we are not able to export goods nor procure bills of Exchange. — I suppose the Contracts for the Barclays & Marys Cargoes were made with the Captains. I conclude Cap^n Howes will be in

a proper situation with Cap Swain Power to demand payment if not already made as also to ask compensation not only of Interest upon the money but also for the expence of sending him to Europe to negociate it — which will not by any means compensate us for the injury we have sustained by the delay we have suffered — So long after the delivery of the Cargoes unto the Sailing of the Barclay I am at a loss to conjecture why the Account of Sales were not force arded by that Ship. if they are not yet on their way I beg you will deliver them immediately to Cap Hawes that he my Copy & inclose them to me —

I was very much surprized at your information that great leakage had attended the Barclays Cargo I know it went on board in good order & Cap Swain never made any observation to me upon it — but on enquiry of the Cap & Mate. I find there was not so much loss as you immagined, being only a few casks that had suffered much loss — the dryness of the Ships hold perhaps may have shrunk the casks more than in an Old Vessel — I am

To Peter Rad Dalton 11mo 3. 1794

I shall be much obliged by thy collecting from the Union Bank 500 Dollars Genl and Check from Wm Robt Howe & place same to my Cr. I am —

11 mo 5. 1794

To Edr Davis Junr

I request thou will have Load Inward made upon all on board Ship Swan Shubael Coffin Mr. Jun this Port having paid this morng. & Have provided it can be done at or under 3 p Cent. the danger only incident in time of Peace whilst under restraint the Ship is American & loaded only with Old Iron

I wish to have the Barclays Acct & to know what money thou has paid to my Cr at the Bank — Please also to inform me what by next post what is the present value of London Exchange — I am Sir —

To Capt. John Hawes New Bedford 10mo 27. 1794

My self & brothers having been great-ly dis appointed in not receiving the account of Sales & net proceeds of the two Cargoes of oil & Whale Bone Ship'd last winter by the Ship Barclay Capt. David Swain and Brig Mary thyself Master, which were sold to the Commissioners of the French Republic, and by some means unknown to us have not been transmitted to us, thro' our friends Mr. Homberg & Homberg freres of Havre, for the purpose of obtaining knowledge of that property we have contracted with the to take passage in the Ship Swan Shubael Coffin Master for Havre. and It is our request that thou follow our instructions hereafter as near as may be, allowing for such changes in circumstances as are at present unknown & unexpected to us - & in such cases we must leave the at liberty to act upon thy own judgment, having due reference to the main object we have in view of having our property at our own command as soon as the nature of the negotiations will admit

In thy arrival at Havre thou will apply to our friend Homberg & Homberg frers to know of them the situation of the before mentioned property, and obtain from them Copies of the Account of Sales of those two Cargoes ship'd on Account of Myself & brothers Thomas Rotch & Thomas Hazard Junr. and if they have sent them to us or not. please to make out copies of them & send them by the very first conveyance to any part of the contient, observing to let them & thy letters be contained in as few sheets of paper as possible to save postage - & in directing to me at New Bedford always add Massachusetts - when they will be readily conveyed from every part of the Continent.

And if thou finds they have sent forward through Hamburg or Amsterdam foreign bills of Exchange for the amount of those Cargoes, with orders for them to be remitted to my friend Thomas Dickerson & Co. London,

that business may be accomplished — but if any probability of any delay having been made in either of those places request them to furnish thee with the necessary authority to repair thither & complete the negociation. But if nothing of this has been done & it appears to have been delayed through any fault of those friends may agents in the business. if they do immediately accommodate the matter to thy mind. I wish thee to be easey with them — but if it has been delayed by the Commissioners, it will be necessary to go to them with the Contracts and demand a fulfillment of them, in thy application to them it will be best to ask the advice of some person acquainted with their mode of doing business — but by all means Assert the right of a Citizen of the American Republic, & in case of any difficulty attending the matter ask the Assistance of the American Minister at Paris. I intend giving thee a letter James Swan at Paris, with whom I have had some acquaintance & I have no doubt he will advise thee & render thee every assistance in his power — but as it is impossible for me to give thee directions while ignorant of the circumstances attendant upon the business, I can only give the outlines & leave thee to fill up the contents by thy own judgment & the best advice thou can gane — part of that payment nearly ⅓ was to be made Assignats, but as we can have no use for them having now no vessel there, I trust the Commissioners will readily pay the whole in Foreign bills, for ever then the price they allowed, will make us a very indifferent adventure, by no means equal to the rise of all kinds of Oil in this Country, indeed the net proceeds of those Cargoes even if all paid in or Foreign bills will not enable us to land the same quantity of Oil in France This Consideration thou must attend to, & ask of the Commissioners interest for the money from the time it was due, and also, adequate Compensation for the Expence we shall be at an account of thy going to Europe — which ought not to be rated at less than five ℘ Cent upon the property sold to them besides the interest — and this I would have thee urge the payment of — and if the payment has but lately been made, I wish thee to make the same demand as if it was still due. I mean for compensation for the delay — By this dely vessels freights have been detained which were to have been immediately deposited in London to meet my bills

where I have had Bills to the amount of £625- Stg. protested which with damages & interest amounts to more than £100- Sterling and had occations required my drawing the whole freight which is a common practice with us I should probably have suffered £250- Under all these considerations I cannot doubt the Commissioners making ample compensation

By our Brig Union Elihu Smith who sailed from this port 6mo 15th we also made another Shipment mostly of Spermacety Oil. who we directed if he arrived in France to follow the directions of our said friends, it is probable his Cargo may be in the same situation with the other two- & in which I request thou will pursue the same steps, forwarding us sales thereof- and every information thou can gain upon all those subjects- indeed, I wish thee to write me by every conveyance, Either direct from France or send to Amsterdam or Hamburgh for I shall feel very anxious to hear from thee even as often as once a week if practicable-

I shall give the a Schedule of our invoices in all three of those Cargoes-

Second Sheet

As we do not wish to do our friends any injury, if they have been to blame in not pursuing our business in the way they ought. & thou finds application for compensation will appeate so as to involve them in any difficulty I wish thee to be cautious thereof, but they may perhaps through timedity dicourage thee when it may be best to make trial-

I also hand thee Invoice & bill of Lading for Casks whale & Casks Spermaceti Oil. which thou will find a Market for, as soon as may be- observing that the great rise of Oil here will require thou should obtain much higher prices than last year- Sperm Oil was in London two months since £58 Stg ℔ Ton & by this time I have little doubt of its being £65- A handsome profit cannot be made unless thou can sell it at such rates as will pay us in London clear of freight & Commission with every other Charge £48 or £50 Sterling for the Spermaceti & £30 ~~Stg~~ for the whal Oil. allowing for the Loss of perhaps 5 ℔ Cent in the Exchang if remitted thro' Hambro' & more if through Amsterdam- I wish by no means to have it sold for Assignats as I do not want any goods from France, but to have it remitted in order to answer for a Cargo of Hemp & Duck from Russia-

and as the best advantages are to be made by remittances from London I wish it centered there, in the hands of my friends Thomas Dickason & Co. and as the Winter is the best time to make our purchases in Petersburg I want every exertion made use of, to have the money deposited there as Speedily as may in order to meet my bills, and should thou be able from time to time to take good bills on London at Hamburg, I advise their being remitted as fast as procured — sending on the first bill to our said friends — & the second by another conveyance & taking the third over with thee —

And as the exchanges vary it will be necessary to learn which will be most advantageous — last Spring at one time they were at Amsterdam 10 p Cent in favour of London while they were only 3 p Cent at Hamburg it may be the reverse next year — After receiving the bills I think if thou finds it practicable it will be best to go to the place upon which they are drawn & there procure payment & remit bills therefor to London — but if the payment should be made in Specie will liberty to bring it out & bills cannot be had, then take the best conveyance to this Country —

By all means fix down as a total objection to selling the Oil unless some payment can be made that can answer our purpose of command money therefor next Summer — rather let it remain in the Ship & go to Hamburgh than not observe this —

Should thou be able to obtain payment for all our ~~payment~~ property (in which I include my own & brothers) and can send it a long in a safe train so that we may depend upon it — and can send any way of using some of thy own with Ten Thousand Pounds Stg. of ours in away that with a reasonable proportion of the profits will induce thy Speculation thou art at Liberty, in this case thou will abandon the plan of compensation we first set out upon — but remember we never deal in Warlike Stores nor Prize Goods —

Should thou be able to purchase good Glass (not grain) of 6.8 & 7.9 & 8.10 & can ship it out, any quantity will sell but would only advise this when neither foreign bills nor Specie can be obtained — Should thou find our Brig Union at Havre & can concert any movement with Capt Smith to facilitate our general concern it will be agreable to us — Jam —

To Hazard Robertson Esq^r. 11 mo 1.

It is long since I have been favoured with any of y^r letters & as several pay^ts are due upon the Dauphin &c I am anxious to hear of the payments & of some remit being made my Uncle F R – by a copy of a letter of your w^ch he has sent me I find he has requested you to follow my advice with respect to one half the N^t P^d of that Cargo & Vipel – I wish that property to be remitted as soon as possible to him – Our Exch on London for some time has been 10 p^r C^t. If you can more favourable than to remit the money to me on the calculation of 7 p^r or 8 which view may perhaps put to I wish you to remit it to him. but if in favour of coming this way pray let no time be lost in forwarding it & in bills on short sight –

I beg you also to forward the Sales of the Oil & Candles shipd last fall & as fast as you can in Cash to remit us as it is a time we are now in much want – You have never informed me what has become of the Dauphin. Report says she was sold at Auction at £500. after beg pronounced by Morgan a good Ship – Certainly there must be some mistake in this, as her very materials to break her up must have come to more that sum – I conclude that she was only ho^d back at that price to avoid a sacrifice, and if this is the case I hope the season is now more favourable for her sale & that you will be able to obtain her value for her –

I am
Yr^s Affec^y
Jeffry Russel

11 mo 3.

By last Stage I rec^d yours of 11 ult^o with 2000 Dollars Bank which shall endeavour to put off but do not expect it as we are very much over done with paper and as Adm^r will charge the same for bringing it it is no more

if it gets back to exchange if I cannot make it answer I will send it down to be exchanged — Our Sloop while waitg for thou tardy people has lost a freight fm Newport from & has not been able to get much Oil on b.d but I believe its nearly all ready without bindring — Capt. Durham arrived yesterday. I doubt his havg been able to get more than his 30 tons & bone — I am &c

11 mo 3. 1794

to Capt. John Hawes

Since I inclosed my thin instructions I have contracted with Capt. F. Macy for the Ship Ann now at Dunkirk built here by G Claghorn. (conditions) that if she should be at his comm.d to deliver to thee — I also an agt part if thou obtains payment for our property in France & sees a prospect of using that Ship to advantage. thou beg the conditions I shall take out a Register for her & herewith send thee — of wh.h if not used for that Ship in my name thou must return to cancel my bond —

Should thou obtain payment from the Comm.rs for all our property in foreign bills or in Specie it may be best to ship the Specie directly to London if a safe conveyance, and also remit the bills there also unless thou finds the bills will do as well at Petersburg — In case thou cannot Ship the Specie to London, thou will want some conveyance for it to Amer.a & if no safe conveyance offers in which thou can confide & thou thinks it the most advisable to take the Ann thyself. perhaps thou had best Run over to Cowes or some handy port, & send the money to T D & Co. with advice to hold it for my draft or thy own & at the same time find if no freight can be had in London for Petersburg or Amer.a, and proceed as our Co.d frd may advise — thou will then calculate the value of the money in England, Compared with the Exchange to this Country if it appears better to bring the money hire & Insure it in London than to sell it there & let me draw for it, thou will act

accordingly. I think Exch^e will not be less than 5 p^c infav^r of London. & perhaps it may be 7½ or 10 — the probability of which thou will find in London — this with the Exchange between London & petersburgh will determine thee also in this matter. I suppose it is allways in favr of London. the french Crown here will be 110 Cents, & French gold 87 Cents the penny weight that is also the value of Spanish Gold, but English & Portuguese Gold is 89 Cents — & no other Gold has a Currency with us.

Unless thou art able to command most of the property, we dare not risk on a Petersburgh Voyage — I have already bills in London for three thousand pounds Sterling upon my property in France

I have also made my arrangement for £1600 = more out of the sales of the Barclays Marys Cargo & freights, & for all the Cargo by the Union or about £2000 — upon her — that we Must first have about 7000 £ remitted to London if practicable, & then as that is but about half the whole property now going & already there, thou may appropriate four thousand pounds for a Cargo of Hemp Iron Rufsia & Rayens Duck. from Petersburgh. & after sending the remainder either to London or to this Country if it appears best for our interest thou may take the Ship Ann provided she appears to be worth ten thousand Dollars if not any price you may agree upon — & Navigate her upon the best terms thou can & go to Petersburgh, and endeavour to find the the best House to value upon there, indeed when thou deposits thy money for that Cargo either in London Hambrough or Amsterdam, request the person in whom thou will draw to write to the best house there giving the Credit upon them, otherwise thou may be destitute and not be able to sell thy bills — The Cargo out I recommend to be as much Old Sable Iron as will balast the Ship, 300 ps. best Duck, for part of the very best but most of the common best 150 or 200 ps best Ravens Duck & Rufsia Sheeting a few pieces of Diapers Huckaback & fill up with Hemp — but if thou can take Duck on freight take as much as possible rather than hemp & go for New York or Philadelphia as may best

suit the freighters, could she be the first Ship into New York I think it would answer exceeding well - it will be best in taking Freight to be at liberty to go to either of those places which will answer the best market, & thou may expect letters of advice both at Sandy Hook & Cape May But if westerly winds should prevail that thou can come here without delay thou may do it, but this will not do unless forced by necesity as she will be insured

Let the Hemp be of the best quality & if thou can easily purchase a few hundred of Flax I should like to try the quality also bring a few bushels of Hemp & flax seed - On thy passage from the North if thou can conveniently stop at Shetland, & finds no difficulty in having liberty to purchase 5 or 6 pair breeding Sheep & Ewes. I want to get them - I have heard of a breed they have of very fine wool which is the kind I want to get - but dont take any risk of having the Ship siezed as is the law in England - Should busineſs be established in so regular a way that thou can rely upon payment in France for a Cargo from the North, or can have the money advanced for one upon an advantagious freight: thou may take one and then go a second time for the American freight. or even go there with a second, if thou can only be certain of payment & then perhapts take the money & come home, for I have no doubt more money can be made by a Cargo to France than to this Country, if payment is only sure - If thou can find the Union I think it will be best to sell her. & let the people go into the Ann & then in that case after thou had made enough by her freight nearly to clear her cost, I should have no objection to thy giving her up to Elihu Smith to go into any line of business that promised advantage & come home thyself - but not this take place until the main object of securing our property is effected, and unleſs the Ship runs on her own bottom - Capt. Macy agrees that the Ann shall be on 12 or 18 months Credit that thou may give him a bill upon me for the Cost at 12 months after date -

And if Capt. Macy should want to draw upon me 5 thou can with convenience pay him two thousand pounds Sterling thou may take his Draft on me - but this is not to leſsen any deposits thou may

be able to make in London —

Should thou enter upon the Petersburgh plan — thou may relinquish our Contract & go upon the customay wages & perquisits if more agreeable to the — and remember that London is the center for all the property thou can remit for me or in my brothers names let each be kept seperate if practicable & each receive their Credit on Dickason & Co. books — and give us particular advices thereof — — — — — Ian &c —

To Jeffrey & Russell 11mo 7. 1794

With great perseverance Kempton compleated his load yesterday & the owners have divided the Matter between us & have put on bd. It as nearly in quantity & quality as they could divided this is not bg ready for us — If there be any whale oil left I conclude the quantity will is small but cannot yet be ad. They are very slow in their movements — annex. is bill Ladg & Invo. — Kempton has left one Ca here which he thinks belongs to your Invo but it not having been filled up. I doubt. & if it proves mining I will acct. for this Cask — I am &c —

To Catharine Gray 11mo 7. 1794

Annexed thou has the bill of a barrel of Strained Oil, the best we have on hand. Shiped p Sloop Mayflower Jireh Kempton Master which hope will prove to satisfaction alth very long delayed — The price is considerable advanced, but no more than we are giving for it by the fifty Gons — with love to all the family I am thy respectful friend

Respectiv friends
Homburg & Homburg frers Boston 8mo 2. 1794

The great difficulty of convey letters to France on acct of the insults from the British Cruizers have preventid

my acknowledging the rec^d of yours esteemed fav^rs dated 25 Jan & March & 14 & 15 may all ac^ts came to hand in due order the particulars ope^d I have duly noted & ful will satisfied with your transactions on my behalf & am pleased the Barclay had at last left France, I am now hourly expecly her arrival at this port & with my hon^d parents Visty she was in London on 15 3 days from Havre

I am now anxiously waiting to hear of the remit^ce being made agreeably to my request. w^ch I hope has been done – I am very sorry to hear that the Macy Cap^n Hawes was so unfortunate as to be carried to London – I hope that Cap^n has conducted with Republican veracity, & from what I know of his Character I trust he has – but the British from a determinations to distress the French Republic will hazard even thing al tho they may have to repay at the end of the war – Cap^n Hawes was not discharged but hoped to secure his fr^t & if he did had thoughts of going back to Hamburg – Our brig Union E & S M^r sailed on the 15 of 6^mo with a Cargo of Sp^n Oil & if not stop^d may be long since arrived – we were fearful of giving him a single line – to you by that Vessel but if the Cap^n found you – he had directions to Shew you his orders & request you to follow them – As if the whole was to your address – I hope that Vessel is either Sold or put into some busines that will turn to advantage if not to load with plaister & return as she is too small to suffer long detention – Should the Macy be again with you & no business appearing to keep her employed it will be agreeable to me for her to take a load of plaster & go to Philadelphia provided she may reach that early in 12^mo she may then take a load of Flour for the Republic – but after that time Ice may obstruct her & no other market will do for the Plaster – but I have confided in your judgment relative to all my business & still rely thereupon from the constant encouragement you have given me to Continue my Shipments to France I loaded the Union & from the same advices expect next month to Ship 150 Tons whale Oil w^ch may probably reach you should it reach you I hope you will be able to receive of the Cam^s payment either in Spain & bares to bring it out or bills on Hamburgh when I want the remittance to be made this last I shall prefer & wish it to be remitted for my acc^t

to Lubert & Dumas who will have my directions respecting it by the Ship I may omit writing you but desire if you find a letter in my hand writing to L & Dumas, you will consider it for your selves & act thereupon

late in the fall its likely we shall make up another small Pr^t of Sperm Oil but all kinds of Oil have greatly advanced in price being 40 P Cent higher than when we Ship'd last winter — & I shall be glad to have the Mary to Ship it in y^e & come out with convenience but if no Fr^t can be obt^d & you do not no of many Cargoes of Plaister coming out I had rather she took that Plu^r but fear Cargoes supplied that mark

Notwithstanding the foregoing should the Exch^g alter & be more favorable between Amst. & London than between Hamburgh & London — you may prefer the former & order it to D & C.

To Benjamin Williams 11mo 7. 1794

I find that 3/9½ P bushel for Flax seed delivered here free of expence with the freight I must probably give will bring the Cost to my limits, but as it is posible I may find the freight a little less, if thou can do no better I will take the risk of it to cost me 4/. P bushel or even the Commission of 2½ P Cent upon that — but I rely upon thy procuring me two or three thousand bushels on the best terms thou can not to exceed that price I wish none to be procured short of 2000 — & if 4000 can be had please to give me early information — but dont engage more than 3000 without farther advice —

I am &c

Thou may depend upon payment in paper or Checks on the Bank within thirty days after delivering — & sooner if very material —

To Thomas Dickason & C^o 11mo 5. 1794

I duly received your favours of 4^th June & 22^d July — and feel myself greatly obliged by your care and attention to my interest in the Capture of the Mary. & also in promoting the Barclays freight — I am glad you have to my Credit the £711 — from the Sales of the Mary & hope by this time you have received your demand

for that Vessels freight and detention – part of which say 326 £ my father informs me you have mentioned having received – I note Capt. Hawes having drawn £50. from Hamburg which sum I conclude he explained to you – that sum I shall Credit you & Charge conformable to your Books the Bill of £50 on H. A & Co. – Capt. Hawes has Credited me £97.5 – received of you which I suppose includs the £10. you note drawn from Shurrs

I rec.d the small invoice of paints &c the Barclay amounting to £106.10.9. to your Credit –

I hope you have been able to forward the Barclay account. & that I shall soon receive it – Capt. Swain is now alwost ready to sail in that Ship on a whale voyage to the eastward of the Cape of good hope.

you need not give yourselves any trouble with the Bill drawn by Benj.a Coleman as the one I sent my brother B R for presentation is returned with protest – I have been greatly disappointed in the Republican veracity of your Neighbours. our Contract for the two Ships Cargoes not yet being fulfilld, thereby I am deprived of a very considerable amount of property – uneasy at this unaccountable delay we have confided in Capt. John Hawes to go to France & receive payment he sailed this morning for Havre in the Ship Swan Capt Shubael Coffin of Nantucket. and has our Orders to make what remittances he can to you – with what we are interested in the Swans Cargo & what has been heretofore shipd to Havre by myself & brothes without remittance I hope he will be able to lodge in your hands thirteen or fourteen thousands pounds sterling. Should he succeed in this busineſs. I have Contracted for an American Ship now in Europe which Capt Hawes is to take the command of & perhaps go to Petersburg & load with Rufsia goods for NewYork in this case he may depend upon part of the Moneys remitted you – you will therefore please to answer his drafts. & recommend him to some very good house there –

At the Sperm Oil has much advanced here yet hearing by Capt Paul Pease that with you it had reached £58-p Ton It is my intention to make a small Shipment to you this Winter – there is very little of this kind brought to our market at present – I am &c

I think its probable I shall be under necessity of drawing upon you three or four hundred pounds before I hear from you with the Barclays Accounts it is my wish to leave the amount of her Bills paid – but may perhaps wish the small invoice by her to wait some future remittance, which I doubt not will meet your approbation

To Samuel Enderby & Sons 11mo 5. 1794

Your obliging favours of July 15 & 22d I have duly received & note your Several Orders Spermaceti Oil from the smallness of the Quantity at Market this season has gradually advanced in price unto the present day, it now stands at £40 Tun & Ton and head matter at £80— none offerd for Sale but such as has had the fedements strained from it that it is impossible to execute your Order — and I doubt if 50 Ton could now be purchased at any rate being mostly in hands who intend exporting such parts as will still advance the price for home consumption— And we have so few Ships on that fishery that at least during the War the price must remain high. from the smallness of the Quantity —

Flaxseed is like to find a poor Market this year & this circumstance makes the Farmers hold it back that I have not yet been able to Contract for the whole quantity you have orderd at a price that will come within your limits, but I have a prospect purchas'd very soon or the season will be over for it I shall use my endeavours to purchase it upon the very best terms, I should I procure it unless the Winter proves very favourable I shall not be able to ship it before Spring, as our Coopers engagements are all anticipated for several weeks — but at all events your interest shall be costantly consulted & your Order executed if practicable in the best manner in my power — The price of Casks is also somewhat advanced. — My parents & Sisters had a long passage but we are happy in having them over more in our land— they are in good health —

With the apprehention London exchange will command the best advance before the fall Ships sail, I shall as soon as may Contracts are made draw upon you for nearly the amount, as I fear the present high price may not be expected thereafter — Sam & c

To Jireh Hempton 11mo 7. 1794

pease to present the inclosed Order on John & Richd Codman for £3-11-10 Stg. and purchase of them three pieces of godood Ravens Duck & pay the balance— should thou be in want of a little money— my friend W Tallman will furnish the — Sam & c

11-mo 5-1794

Please to pay Jereh Kempton or order Three pounds eleven Shillings & ten pence Sterling being net proceeds of two Casks of Oil p your letter dated July 15th John & Richard Codman — Sam &c

To B Bourn

11 mo 5. 1794

When I wrote the before the sides of leather rec^d from the had only been counted without opening one bundle, since which I find there was three bundles & on opening them I find there was 15. sides weighing only 175 ℔. I think thou must have made a mistake in weighing them, as they Could not shrink so much I dont doubt but they all come that thou sent. for it not likely that any one of the sides weighed 20 ℔ a piece must have been the case if there was the number & weight thou thought— when thou sends any more please to mention in thy letter the number of sides — the leather remains in Store marked & may be yet further examined — Sam &c —

11 mo 10. 1794

to Joseph Lund

As the time draws near that pay ment becomes due for the Oil sold thee, I shall be obliged by thy liberty to draw for the Am^o thereof upon thee, payable at the Bank at the time agreed — Should thou want another Cargo Oil purchased, I expect two Ships into this River in a short time whom Oil I shall have the refusal of & shall be obliged by thy Order — Sam &c

11 mo 10. 1794

to Samuel Phillips Esq^r

It is some time since I rec^d thy letter with the sheat Paper, & also thou did not mention having rec^d the Check for the balance of my Acc^t by thus not observ'd to the Contrary I hope thou did — The Quality of the last paper is by no means so well approved as the other be'g much thicker & thin has gained a great preference, & of the same quality I should have sold double the Quantity, many persons who would

have preferred this. have refused it Went to Barton for this
I have now an Order frm Newport for more than I have
on hand (Shott 400) that I shall probably be clear of it before
the demand for this season is over — if thou can send me
some by the Mayflower Capt. H now in Boston, I shall
be glad as it will be a disappointed to those who at this season
depend upon me & will not be able to procure it elsewhere
Kempton will probably be in Barton until the middle of
next week —

I am &c

11 mo 10. 1794

to Joseph Hussey

I have thy favour of 6th Inst thy having
Shipd a Ca of Nails by Barnard. which I am glad of — the
bill thereof with the other for Casks & Salt I shall place to thy
Cr. — I hope the Anchor will be mull made & ready for the Mayfr.
altho it will not be timely for the Barclay. but I have borrowed
I hope she will sail fifth day next —

I am looking for a Ship of ours at Holmes Hole with a
Cargo of Lemington Salt I wish thee to inform me by very
next Stage what a Cargo of that kind will probably sell for —

I wish thee also to find the terms upon which I can fr.
frm 20 to 50 Tons Oil to London any time frm the middle of
this to the middle of next month — Please also to say what is the
fr. Rate & the Mary fills upon — I shall be greatly obliged
by thy information of the price of Flaxseed with you —

As much of this information as thou can communicate
by next stage will very much oblige me — Please to send
me by Kempton 100 lb Loaf Sugar I prefer it made frm E India
Sugar if to be had. I am &c

11 mo 12. 94

to Edmund Prior

I am daily in the expectation of the arrival of the Ship Lydia Capt. J Gardner at this ving Sound with a Cargo of Salt from Lymington, there Capt. Gardner will find Orders to proceed to N York - I as WRDS am Principle proprietors of the Ship they have ordered one half the Cargo to be del. to the Order of JRDS. I shall be pleased with thy accepting of the other half Consignment of the other half, and if agreeable to thee to undertake the Busting I wish thee to sell the salt on the best terms thou can.

And as it is in contemplation for me to take the Ship to my own Account, it is my present expectation to send her on a Whg voyage to the South Sea - I shall upon that consideration want bread & flour from N York, I could wish our mutual Fr. P Busby might be prepared to furnish the best Cg. in quality as the last but not baked so dark Coloured, particularly the best kind, wh. tho 10/ higher than the common looks very little preferable - for want of thy account of the Coopers bill I cannot form much judgment of the advantage of procuring Casks in N York, but as they are scarce here I conclude they will not come too high at N York, therefore if the Lydia arrives there I shall be glad to have 50 or 60 Tons of good thick Ca from 80 Gl. upward free from Sap, & the heads of every Cask so large as to leave every joints of the Staves open enough to receive two or three thick Flags, therein when filled with Oil the Staves shrinking in thickness leaves the heads slack & can never be made tight, if thou can engage those casks to be prepared at a price not to exceed 10/ stg York currency, upon conditions the Ship arrives there & to be flagd well, & cheaper may be hoopd with only 8 hoops each as I shall want to Iron them, I wish thee to do it - if no cheaper they may be full hoopd or not as I may then have my choice of Iron bind

I shall also want a few Thousand hhd. Staves & heads as thick as can be found with some common Staves & heads to come in the Ships — I shall be very glad to have the prices of all those articles as soon as may be as also thy computation of the price of Pork & Beef for my government whether to procure them here or with you in time for the Lydia — by the Ship it is probable I may want bl. flour, Pork; perhaps but few for four other Ships Stores that I wish thy early attention hereto — please also to note the value of Salt, & the demand for fa.ts to Europe — please also to inform me what quantity of that kind of Ca with or with or without Sap can be procured at short notice as it is very probable I may be glad to have 200 tons — & also what will be the price if Iron bound with Strong hoops

I am &c

11 mo 12. 1764

to Wm. Bunaughs

Thy favours of 27th last 6th. present mo. came safe to hand with the Inv.o of Sundries & Shearman — & Onions & Mather for thy kind attention thereto I am much obliged — Wm. Fallman found the Coffee but has not been able to find any for thee — thou may be assured it will always be a pleasure to render thee any service in my power, & whenever thou wants any money paid here, please to draw upon me without hesitation — Wm. Fallman has paid £11. 6. 5 on thy acc.t which is to thy Cr. with the 12 dl. paid J Chalones —

I am much obliged by thy care Thou did not mention what quantity of Flaxseed thou should be able to purchase, if thou can procure 2 or 3000 bu.s at a price that can be d.d here at 4/. free of all expence I think I should venture to buy but I want none short of that quantity, as it is for a European Order —

I wish thee to pay G Channing 60 Dollars by the first opportunity upon the 10 bridge Shares belonging in this neighbourhood & inform me when done —

Thou may send me 4 or 6 bl. good clean Sugar if not exceeding 8d/ if still to be purchased with Candles —

Candles must fm our new Stock fitst us 3/. or we cannot pay for our Head Mr. at the enormous price of £8 which he have given for a large Quantity lately fm most pla we have a prospect that they will command it —

But fm will be made this year exclt in our works — we have I conclude twice so much Stock as all the other manufactures — it is probable I shall want for several Ships to be fitted out this winter 8 or 10 p.c. Mosks & as many bar. of Rum that when I can make any advantage by the sale of Candles. but not at any price that will reduce them below 2/9 Cash —

Jam

To Gibbs & Channing 11 mo 15. 1794

I duly rec.d your favours dated Oct.r 27 nov.r 4th & 7th & have observed the Contents — and by Shearman & Atkin 10¼ Tons of Hemp. — I am obliged by your observations upon Flaxseed I find it will come too high to fulfill an Order I had from London, which was not to exceed 4/. 8d p Quarter delivered ther — without Insureance — & free of Cask. which were to be White Oak for o the price I quote for your information of its value there — I have heard a general complaint of the high exchange upon Remittance to petersburg, but (perhaps from our trade to Spain & Portugal being interrupted last Spring) a larger Quantity of Rusia goods than usual has been imported. & having fallen into many new hands, keeps the price down — I find Hemp can yet be purchased in Boston for £47 & £48 — but I am satisfied with your proposal, it being what I had fixed in my own mind — If Jos. Delano in a Small Sloop from this River shou be in Newport before your Ship is Discharged if your choice may fil his Vessel with hemp & also Moshiers I shall like from 2 to 4 Tons old Sable Iron some square bars & one Ton Sweeds if you have it — I prefer th Iron comming by Delano — Wm. Burroughs will pay the 60 Dollars yo have advanced on the first Assessment —

As we have not began pressing we have yet no pressed Oil. What the price will be we cannot yet ascertain but having giving £40- for Sperm Oil & 30 for hed Matter it must be high. as very little is at Market — and by my last accounts from England it is worth here for the London Market near £45 - I have only 1½ Cl Sheating paper on hand, but hope to have a quantity by a Vessel expected from Boston in 10 days should it come & you then want I will send it - I am &c —

11mo 15. 1794

To Joseph Anthony & Son

Capt. Bunker handed me yesterday Your esteemed favour of 7th inst. inclos'g my Acct. wh I have not had leisure to examine, but have observed you have charged me £611.5. remitted to the B Banks, for proceeds of my Uncle P Roths Wine & interest many. & only credited me the interest on the Stock — with allowance for the proceeds of the Wine, the balance stands according to my expectation & upt'g. the insolvent Debt of J Delabarre which I was previously ignorant of — I shall be pleased to hear a further dividend is expected — Should we find any conveyance when our presses begin, shall send of our Capm Oil - but it is now worth for the London Market much more than you have been able to obtain —

I have in possession a letter from A & B Champion dated 14th Aug. to Capt. May, who say, "The bills you drew upon us for £2000. have been all punctually paid" — of this I hope you are also advised — Capt. May has paid & has given me directions for the appropriations of his money, which I shall do when I can agreeable to his wishes I have consequently drawn upon you the drafts as at foot, when they appear I shall be much oblig'd by your honouring — The Apparent balance of your Acct £202.2.9 shall in due time be placed to your Cr. If not too much trouble I shall be pleased to have the sum specified also placed to the same Bank — I am &c —

To Jos. Hussey

11mo 17-94

I am much obliged by thy favours of 12th 13th
annaung the arival of the Ship Lydia & giving me information
of the Prs to London & the prices of Flaxseed, both of which are
higer than I expected — I was pleased to hear the price of Salt
was 3/. and altho it was our intention the Ship should go to
New York yet as it is about the same there I think for the
present it will be best that we have what sold sold that
will come pretty near that price until W & S shall give
some Order about it — thall will please therefore to beg
the Sale therefore at 3/. Should any considerable quantity be
wanted at 2/. twill be best to let it go until thou hears from
us. I shall give Capt. Gardner the same directions & wish
you both to sell what you can — On a journey to the
Eastward I expect to be in Boston on the 25th & hope by that
time have advices from W & S — Should the Cargo be sold in Boston
I shall want purchase as many good white Oak Ca as will
do for Oil with or without Cap as also a few hundred barrels
such as thou purchased for the Bayley — please to be upon
the lookout for them & good Quality & I will determine when I go
down — If the Anchor is not on B. Hempstons
it may be put on B. the Lydia as the Bayley is to sail tomorrow
& I have borrowed one — I am with respect &c

To Friend & Prior

11mo 17. 1794

I wrote on 12th via Newport, since which I
have learned the Arrival of the Ship Lydia at Boston with a Cargo
of Salt — hearing from Newport that fine Salt was not exceeding 5/3 p bus.
has determined me for the present to order sales to begin in Boston when it

is selling for 80/. ₱ hhd of ₱ bu. Should any man advantagous account reach us from thee, we shall order her on for Newyork — In a few days I shall determine what stores I shall want from thee — and hope to hear what quantity of Casks can be obtained —

Thy friendly asistance to the bearer hearof Humphrey Hatherway of my neighbourhood, will oblige him. & he kindly accepted by me — he goes in a Vessel of his with a View of selling her or puting her into busines — I am &c

11 mo 22. 94

To Alsop Hicks

I have this day rec.d your Esteemed favours of 11 & 13 inst with duplicate of the former & feel obliged by your attention to my request relative to the Ship Hudson — Capt. Glover went immediately to Nantucket on his arrival, when he has ever since been confined with a severe illness, but has thought it most advisable to sell the Hudson, which he has done — She will go into the Fishery & of course will not go to New York — Had he been well he would doubtless have given you more early intelligence wh.ch I regret has been neglected, as it might have saved you some trouble —

I am &

To Anthony & Son

12 mo 29. 1794

Yours mine of 15 ult. I am without any of your oblig.d favs. according to your information I have found to my Cr. in Bank Dol. 539. 4. a further sum of Dol 660. I have this day drawn upon you in favr S Eliot Junr. wch you will please to pay —

The Cala. left by Capt Macy you will please to place to my Cr. & inform me the sum when I will discount it with him —

I am

To Edmund Prior 12 mo 29. 1794

On my return I find thy acceptable favours of 19th last with p S. to 4th of present month & this day another without date by J Delany - with 10 bls Beef & 10 bls Pork. which will find a ready Sale -

I have noted thy observations upon provs & Casks the latter are higher than with us - but when a Vessel presents to return to this Port. Shall still want Bread & other Stores for one or two Ships -

We were unsuccessful in our Ships going to Boston, as her Cargo 2/3 remains unsold & the Market overstocked - we have some thoughts of sending her yet to New York & to take a freight to Europe. but having just heard freights are slack may discourage us if so we shall also want stores for her very soon - please to keep me advised of the prices of provissions of all kinds with you.

I am very much obliged by the two barrels of nuts which have come to hand. & when I see Jennie will seek to find the other barrel - I am pleased to find the Candles are all sold. & also by a letter this day to brother Hazard. they have advanced to 4/. & in much demand - by the Mayflour I shall send what we can have ready - and 107 Cask whale Oil which desire thou will sell as speedily as may be & send me sales of the whale Oil as soon as possible as a settlement of a whale Voyage will depend upon it - thy early advice relative to a further Shipment of whale Oil is requested -

I have drawn upon thee in favour of Capt Kempton for One hundred & thirty Dollars which please to pay him and Should he conclude to go to Virginia and thou thinks the Window Glass unsold will do there please to Ship it by him & also pay him four hundred Dollars for my account to load the Sloop Back - I am &c

To Gibbs Channing 1mo 14. 1795

On Returning home after several weeks absence, I have found two letters of Old date from you — one of which aught to have been attended to before relating to ten tons Strained Oil you wanted — fearing you have been disappointed in not rec.d any answer I have put on board Shearmans Sch.r 3½ tons as p.d 1mo. inland at your option to take it or not. & should you wish to have it and more if it can reach you intime I will forward it. if your Ship is bound to Cork & there is none on b.d & you can take this on freight, if not agreeable to take it on your account it will be agreeable to me to make up 10 tons on my own acc.t, as from the late high price in London I think it must be also high in Ireland — Sam.l yours — &c —

Should you not chuse to take the Oil it may remain on board

1mo 14. 95

To David Anthony

On my return home I found thy letter and also the letter I mentioned to thee from Isaac Mosher & Sons was sent by Jo.a Austin who I hope did it to thee — To try the Market for Oil at Providence I have shipp'd p Cap.t Shearman 7 Casks Strained Oil & 10 Casks whale Oil — which desire thou will sell at the best market — whale Oil has been sold here at 10 Dollars p barrel by the large quantity — and I would not have thee sell it for less than that price at 60 days Credit & I hope thou will be able to sell it for more — if thou can sell it for that I shall like to send thee 22 or 30 Tons more, of the prospect please to write me I shall be glad if thou can make it neat me £24. p Ton — have also sent the boxes Candles all I have on hand — & perhaps a few boxes more for WRS. 25 for them were sent thee last week by Mosher who put them on board a Packet at Newport. — Sam.l &c — since the foregoing I have drawn on thee in favr Th.s Arnold £16.1.2 w.ch pleas to pay as soon as thou can. D.r Shearman has on board abt 3½ Ton Str.d Oil for Gd & C. if out of season for them & he has it on b.d at Providence & thou can sell it not more than 60 d.s C.t to Nt. me here £42.13.8 thou may take it and or any part of it — it is not so good for retailing at this season as the 7 Ca sent thee

To Wm Burroughs

New Bedford 1mo 14. 1795

Having been several weeks about from my business I have neglected replying to several of thy letters which came to hand in my absence — thy attention to my several requests has met my approbation. & therefore I feel obliged — I had never seen Capt Alden for whom the first Molasses was purchas'd until yesterday, when I found. Mosher had been telling Alden (by Aldens account) that when he carried thy order Molasses was 3/7. & that thou had then 2 hhds on hand but would not send them until next trip when it was charg'd at 3/9 — & that he Philip bought one of the hogsheads wch Alden called much the best — I have ventured to contradict most of this not believing but thou had done the best thou could & better than Philip would do — but Philip recd the order from Alden with his request to me to furnish him with money, but I chose it should go to thee which depriving him of a Commission. I suppose made him feel unpleasant — I only want thou should say enough to satisfy Alden, & when thou sees Philip would have thee enquire the matter out — Our Candles are selling now at 3/. at almost every Market on the Continent that I hope thou can obtain that price, yet as I have only boxes to send thee, would have them keep pace with J Robinsons price —

Gibbs & Channing wrote to me some time since for some strained Oil before we had prest any of consequence, least they should still be in want I have ship'd 3½ Tons by Shearman, if they do not want it & thou can readily sell it to net me £42.13.8 including binding & gauging, after paying fr.t & Commission thou may do it at 60 or 30 ds Credd — if it is not landed I pay no fr.t that I wish it to remain if not sold, unless thou sees a prospect of selling it soon —

there 20 Casks Gaaging 918 Gallons — I am &c

To James Center

1mo 14. 1795

Thy letters respecting the hair have being lain unanswered, owing to my absence from home several weeks — as it is an article I know a little about and those are the best judge of it I leave it to thee to the to dispose of it as if it was thy own, and therewith I shall be satisfied, I wish to have it sold as soon as convenient

I am &c

Friend Barnabas Russell 1mo 15. 1795

I herewith hand thee 10 french guineas each 4 dwt. 21 Gr. Value 4 dollars & 26 Cents ea. makg 42.60 Dol Cents wch please to lay out in 3/4 Thousand good Cask hoops & the remainder in thick hogshead Staves & heading or any other Staves suitable for Iron hoopd Casks & if thou cant buy hoops to thy mind thou may lay it all out in Staves & heading — I am

1mo 15.

To Thomas Arnold

Tho' my neglect I have never until this day settled my Acct with the Society for the Action Gordon vs Gardner & Stanton all the money paid thro my hands except that paid by Gordon & he did not keep very particular Acc. but made it up after he was Exiled & left it with me to rectify, it is probable I had charged part of the money advanced him, but finding it impossible to ascertain it with certainty, I chose rather to settle it according to his apprehension than take the risk of his being a sufferer J Sullivan took the bill of Costs for his Cloving pa for the bala. £16.1.2 I give thee my order on David Anthony wch please to receive & pay the Treasurer of the Society — I am

1mo 19. 1795

To Jeffrey & Russell

I wrote you on the 5th requested you would send me 200 Dollars on acct the Columbia's Acct bought on your Acct but as I have paid the Owners therefor & had designd to pay my note to your b Jeffrey about this time, I wish you to omit your send & the money & Agreeable to him I with the balance endorsed on my note, on the 25th last mo so it was then due, & I shall

forward your acc. Curr. & a Check for the balance of my said Note - if you will please send me the acc. thereof principle & Interest with an endorsment paid by J.S. Hoyfield - & your J R's liberty to pay the small demand of J Chalonor — with respect I am &c

1mo 23. 1795

To Thaddeus Coffin

Hearing last evening the Arm Capt. Coffin had arrived at New York from Dunkirk I conjec it must be Capt. Thaddeus Coffin or Shubael, & feeling an ious to communicate the State of their business intrusted to me, I cover this to my freind E Pacon to be delivered to either —

After Capt. Swains bills for £250 Hy on Champion was Protested. I consulted Capt. F. May & he agreed with me in opinion that under the circumstances of the Oil it would be the owners choice I should take the Hands shares of the Brothers Voyage on my own account & accordingly did & ships in time, to save the draw back - & the Swan Shub. Coffin Master being loading at the very time in which the drawback on the Ships part could only be saved I ventured to have that also Ship'd in my own name & have had it insured to Hazen - this is now subject to thy claim either to let it goon acc. of the owners, or if not approved, their Oil is now in my hands to replace it, of this I wish thy early direction —

Capt. Francis May sailed in the Swan early in the 11th Mo. last - As I found by D Swain it was D. Bourgues desire the Brothers should be Sold & I had never heard from thy brother Shubael since the 4th Mo. at Cadiz when he desired me to do with the Ship & Cargo as if my own, and it being Capt. Swains & Capt. Mays opinion that it would be best to sell her, I conclu a Contract with Isaiah Hussey for her at £1333.6.8 Fno

all her casks & whaling Materials to be appraised by indefferent Persons — Condition that if Shubael (as we had been daily expecting him) should arrive before they had so far intered upon a voyage as to be no material inconvenience to Hussy she should be relinquished. this I take to be now her case as nothing has been done but little cooperage and another condition was if Thou disapproves the Sale & chose to hold thy part in the new concern Thou should do it — and as both Mayo & Hussy were clear Debauque would approve it. I thought considering the injury the Ship was sustaining & the expence continuing upon her — the Owner would Justify me, inasmuch as I have made all the gaard I have mention'd to thee — I crave thy earliest direction upon this Matter that Hussy may not be put to ~~the~~ much inconvenience —

I made a conditional bargain with T Macy for the Ship Ann, provided she remain'd at Dunkirk unemployed & as Capt J Hawes was againg to France anny business I took out a Rejister for the Ann & gave to him who was to command her — as I conclude Thou art in that Ship & she is Rejistering name if Thou calls her it will be necessary Thou should give a bill of Sale of her —

wishing soon to hear from Thee I am Thy respectfully &c.

To Edmund Prior

Nmo 23. 1795

Hearing of the arival of a Ship Ann Capt Coffin at New York. I conjecture it is either Shubl Coffin or his brother Thaddeus of Dunkirk, with whome I have had some business of consequence to them to know the result — should it be either of them persons I request thy care to deliver them the inclosed Letter —

I hope soon to hear from thee relative to the Cargo of Oil

of the Mayflower as I have more to dispose of —

I have now a Sloop load for New York who carries a freight of Oil to Minturn & Champlin — at his return I shall want some staves & perhaps a few tons of Bread with Ca Hunter — the Vessell will be ready in a few days & if this reaches thee before she arrives I wish thee to have 20 or 30 good thick hogsheads made with wood hoops, the heads cut very large, for if any thing prevents my wanting the br. (our Ship not yet being arrived) I shall want the casks to come ~~to me~~ empty — with respect I am &c &c —

To Edmond Prior

1mo 24. 1795

I wrote thee yesterday via Newport but hope this will soon reach thee, after the other — I am daily looking for letter from thee to know how your market is for Whale Oil, having yet 100 Tons to dispose of — which I shall find a market for either in Boston or Newyork, when it will command 80 Dollars p Ton — The Sloop Susa Jacob Akins Master is principally on freight for another person we shall fill her up with a few tons Strained Oil & also some whale Oil to thy address. — and as I consider thy receiving such consignments more from courtesy than profit, I leave thee at liberty to resign this to Alsop & Hicks if thy choice to be clear of it — I do not mention this from any desire in me to change, but only to make it easy for thee to act thy own mind. having had a small acquaintance with J Hicks, I have no doubt but he would please me, but in the former trial I made to ease thee I was so great a sufferer that I feel very cautious.

By the Susa I wish thee to send me the articles at foot the bread to be put in New thick Hogsheads if to be had wood hoopd & the heads cut very full — I have only 10 barrels of thy Pork on hand, but them seems not much call at present —

(2d) last post bro. J. R. a letter for W & R coy Sales of Candles shipd by Kempton at 3/. & noting their being in great demand this is the first information I have rec. of Kempton

Some time since I directed 10 Dol. pd in Newport to a widow of Newport Cars being part of a debt I collected for her. I find lately she lives with R Bowen Jr. I wish thee to pay her that sum & charge it to me & inform her that I have a prospect of recg the whole before long

please send following Supa

60 Cr. good Ships bread
20 Bl. Flour
14 bbl Peas
1 Ton Fire Iron hoops
20 Thousand thick White Oak Staves half 32 In & half 42 In with proper heads to each if to be found if not whole number in Staves & as well seasond as thou can find them

To Joseph Tebbetts Thebaud

1 mo 24. 1795

Several weeks absence from home has occationed my delay in replying to several of thy favours which Covered me the Sales of Betsy & Cargo together with thy disbursements & acct Current, all which I shall duly note on my books Debeting thee half the balance of her Acct on account of my uncle Frances Rotch — I have at length closed the Negres Acct & now forward them to thee consisting of her disbursments Sales of Vessel & Cargo & Acct Current, one half balance to thy Credit is Lmo £1603.8.8

I hope soon to close the sales of a few materials remembering on hand which thou sent me — Most of the Duty on the Negres Cargo will be recd in Drawback which I shall when recd place half to thy Credit — I have recd nothing fm Charlestown since I wrote thee last. nor have recd any remittance for my uncles Acct from the Dauphins Sales &c

Sam &c

To Joseph Hussey

1 mo 27. 1795

Thy favour of 20th came duly to hand covg Sales of Sundry parcels Candles, Mohogany, Tobacco. the Barclays Anchors & also the Lydia's Salt, all of which I shall examine & plan

duly on my books, it is quite agreeable all the transaction relative to the Lydia pass in my name —

I doubt not thy best care has been exerted in the Sale of the Lydia's Cargo, which is quite satisfactory believing it to be the best that could be done —

Thou may depend upon the Sale of Coleman Oil. I am just puting same on bd. a Sch.r of M Mosley, perhaps from 30 to 50 tons as also all his beam suppand 17,000 lb. I wish thee to be seeking a Market for it — B Tupper has wrote Coleman that he knows of a person who will take the whole of the bom at 9d payable in 90 days. with 30 days interest, perhaps thou may find the same or same other — please to say if £93. is all thou has paid Coleman or whether thou has paid him £60. — before the 93. as thou informed me of £60. when he was down the first time —

I wish during the Lydias detention thou could have continued the Sale of the Salt, as I care not how little she brings here — I am astonished Atkin did not come out 8 days ago, he might thou have been here & discharged —

Please inform me the amt. of the duty on the Lydia Cargo — By this Sch.r I intend sending thee what Candles we have made — but they must be Pds at least a 3/. as they now sell for that at all the Western Markets — please to say what is the demand for Strained Oil, what is the price & what quantity thou can sell, we have lately sold at Providence for 5/6 ₰ Gallon — perhaps thou may inform me in reason to ship by this Schooner —

I am &c

To David Anthony

1 mo 26. 1795

Thy letters of 20 & 21st I have rec.d & am pleased thou has sold the Strained Oil, I wish thou had paid what further

Quantity would sell, as I wish to send thee what thou can sell at that price —

I note thy observations upon the price of Whale Oil & am sorry thou could not have sold the 30 tons on 60 days credit for as the Sale must be compleated before the Ships town can be settled with, I cannot have the payment so long delayed Should thou find any Sale on 60 days I will lett me know I will send thee same if not engaged — I am &c

If thou will allow thee interest from the delivery, I will advance the money I wait the 6 months provided the Oil is not under engagment when I rec.d thy answer —

To Edmund Prior 1mo 28.

The Susa detention has enabled me to Ship thee 40 boxes Sp Candles as above, w.ch hope will find a speedy Sale — Should Iron hoops be over 7/8 Dal.s p hund.d please omit sending the ton I have wrote for in my former letter

If thou finds will season'd Staves please to send me 24 M.rs instd of 20. half of each

Copy of a paper given Paul Ray. 10mo 21. 1794

The bearer has as far as I have discovered, conduct'd consistently with the Orders he received, and whatever deviation there has been in disposing of the property committed to his care, he is not accountable. Nothing has been done, neither will be with any of the property lodged within my knowledge but under the express direction of thy family, and I have no doubt every thing upon explanation will prove quite satisfactory, & the best that could be done —

1mo 29. 1795

Jeffrey & Russell

Inclosed is your acct current by which appears balance due to me £723.5.4 which sum as I have occasion to you I shall be glad to have endorsed upon my Note to Your Self together with your receipt to Joseph Morfeld for £184.12.11½ Dated Septr 10. 1794 & when you gave me your Statement of the Note with the Interest I will forward the balance as I wish now to pay the whole, your early reply will much oblige

your Respectful friend pr R

my friend I Chaloner continues to write me respecting the small balance I noted due from your Self if he approves it I shall be pleased with liberty to send it him as he is in great want, I think ~~he obt~~ he told me it was about 66

To Thomas Dickason & Co.

2 mo. 2. 1795

Since my last of 11mo 5. I have received your esteemed favours of 1st Augt & 12th Sept the latter covering your disbursements for the Barclay, which are to your Credit as also £326.11.8. received from the Admiralty for Account of the Marys freight, and I am pleased to find you hope soon to receive your further demands. Your letters do not mention the payment Made to Capt Hawes. which I suppose will be included when you close your Account with the Marys freight &c.

I have not succeeded according to my wishes in procuring a conveyance for Spermaceti Oil we yet have on hand, but unless the demand increases in this Country, I expect yet to send it — I wish much to hear your opinion relative thereto for my govern. ment — I have not yet drawn ~~upon~~ upon you as hinted in my last nor do I expect it at present, unless you are further in Cash in my Acct which I daily hope to hear through Hambro, from our friends Homberg & Co who in their letter dated 30th of 8mo last. say they had rece. bills on Hambro at 3 months for all the American property sold by them & that they should immediately write you to know if my money could be safely remitted thro that Channell & if it could the House

Should be orderd to remit its to you from Hambro. —

Should you hear any thing upon this Subject I crave your earliest information — Parish & Co are mention'd as the House to whom it was likely the bills would go to. As Capt Hawes has the care of that business I hope you will hear from him upon the subject if not from the other, Channell —

I am glad to find my brother & family are safely landed on your side. letters from him just rec'd up to 12mo 5. have given us this intelligence — I hope to inclose a letter for him in this if time will now allow — I am &c

To Saml Enderby & Sons 1mo 17. 1795

Since I wrote you on the 5th of 11mo I have been called from home several weks, which I wish may apologize for my neglecting to write you again, wh you had reason to expect from the prospect I then had of fulfilling yr order for the Elapsed — That probably intirely failed fm a very sudden & unexpected demand wch raised the price so much that it could not be purchasd within 25 Pr Cent of yr limits & as it has to this time continued in great demand I have given over all prospect of doing any thing at it. Whenever the Irish Market is Overdone so that the Trade will not make a remittance from this Country it commonly falls low enough here for y Market & should that hereafter be the case I shall be glad to execute your Order — Sperm Oil continues at £40 — & Whale Oil at £24. 1mo — I am —

To Lubert & Dumas 2mo 5. 1795

In the course of last year I took the liberty to recommend to my friends Homberg & Homberg freres at Havre, to make use of your House In making remittances for my account through Hamburg to my friends Thomas Dickason & Co London — I have lately received a letter from them in which they informed of having sent a bill to Hamburg for Acceptance, & that their friends would remit to my said London Correspondents what amount was my due. in consequence of which I supposed I need.

do nothing in the busineſs until I heard from London that the bills were sent there but this day I have another letter dated 9th Novr wherein they say, "we have remitted "Mr Bancs 6756 7. 13.3. on the 8th Octr ult. for your account to Messrs Lubert & Dumas "at Homberg, not doubting but they'll advise you thereof. you may avail on them for "said sum whenever you please"

I am now at a loſs to know if they have requested you to remit the said sum to London or not which has been my constant request to them, as I have had bills laying some time in London waiting for those remittances — Should this reach you while the money remains in your hands, I request you will loose no time in remitting Two thousand pounds Sterling to Lancaster Barr & Ellille Merchant London and the remainder after paying your Commissions to my aforesaid friends Thomas Dickason & Co in the most speedy manner you can consistant with my interest — And I shall be greatly obliged by your early information upon this Subject, and as I expect my friends at Havre will make you some further remittance I crave your attention thereto in placing it as early as you can in the hands of Thomas Dickason & Co London —

Capt John Hawes having gone to France upon my busineſs, I gave him a letter to you requested if any money had been remitted you for my acct that you would follow his directions respecting it but his orders being similar to the foregoing no interferance will be made if that letter should reach you —

Capt Benj Glover of Nantucket requested me to remit to you for his Account fifty pounds Stg which sum you will please to retain & send me a bill upon him for that sum in London, which will guard against any dispute here respecting Sterling Exchange —

Hoping soon to hear from you I am &c —

PS added folio 275.

To J Rotch

1mo 30. 1795

Since my last of 9mo 13 I have recd by my dear father thy obliging letter of 20 of 7mo & also another of 22 of 8th mo. and for thy kind attention in giving information relative to the Sanford Estate. I feel myself greatly obliged. and still wish the to continue as thou has opportunity to treat for that Estate — I find it has rented for no more than 100 or 120 Dollars p Annum I believe both those Sums at different periods — It is my intention to endeavour a purchase of several other rights so as to engroſs the greatest part of the Island, indeed with this can be effected I have little

desire of owning any part. Nothing new has occurred in the state of thy Affairs on this side save that as payment has become due upon the Sale of the Negre & Cargo. I have received the principal parts, (that is) for the Cargo & half the Ship the other half not yet falling due — but will be punctually paid. L. Jarvis has not yet given his full determination upon the demand I made upon him. & I believe my fathers engagements have not yet allowed of his attention to thy request — my father communicated thy special request to pay him the balance of thy Acct with him out of the first moneys in my hands, but as I was then depending upon thy receiving £2000 Stg. from my french remitting he declined receiving any until the last receipts were in hand — Until lately I have been very ignorant of my French Concerns, but late letters from Hambergs inform me that all my property was paid for by the Republic in bills on Hambro' at 90 days which were sent forward for acceptance in 9mo last - and they assured me they would order it immediately remitted to London, that I think I have reason to calculate upon thy having received the two thousand pounds — I have not heard any thing by letter from Hazard & Robenson since I wrote thee, Altho' I have pressed them to inform me relative to the sale of the Dauphin, & also respecting the proceeds of her Cargo — but as thy letter to them, Copy of which thou inclosed to me gave them liberty to remit thy half to thee, I am inclined to think they have done it — J Thebaud having lately sent me his accounts respecting the Betsy a Copy thereof I now inclose thee, together with my sales of the Negres Cargo. the Ship & also her disbursements & account Current — besides which. I have in the Sales of the Oil & the bone reserved the drawback to the Owners which will be paid as soon as I receive my Vouchers and I shall then Credit thee one half — the present State of the Ships Acct leaves to thy Credit £1603..8.8 and from Thebauds acct with the Betsy I have Credited thee £374.7.9 all which thou will find conformable to the inclosed Accounts — & I hope will meet thy approbation.

Had I known enough of future events to have kept the Oil two months longer I should have obtained 15 P Cent more for it, but it was an event not the least expected and I thought I did well in gaining £18 - which was the very highest market at that time under the circumstances of the Oil, as it must be exported from this port to save the Drawback —

We have just heard that my Brother & his family were on the other side of the Channel, which is a relief to our minds, altho public matters appear in a

better garb in that unhappy Country, than for some time past. Sam &

PS — 2mo 5 Since writing the foregoing I have this day received a letter from Hamberg & Co. dated 9th 11mo. by which I fear notwithstanding what they have wrote me before that all my money will remain in Lubbert & Dumas hands until they receive some letters from me - least this should have been the case I wrote them provisionally last fall, that I hope no time has been lost in placing the money in London, but I have this day wrote them, & requested that without delay they should remit two thousand pounds Sterling to Lancaster Bank & Ellille - & as there is a Ship on the point of Sailing from Boston to Hamberg I hope it will soon be effected - & I also hope thy patience will not be quite exhausted by these unexpected delays, I have remitted to them Mark Banco. 67567 ——

PS to Lubbert & Dumas. Letter 2mo 5. begun folio 272 —
Notwithstanding what I have wrote respecting the residue of the Money being remitted to Ths. Dickason & Co. it is now my wish that you will deduct your Commission upon 20288 m Banco & remit the proceeds of that sum to Alex & Benj. Champion merchants London for my Acct. & with the remainder exclusive of the £2000 Stg as before desired — Sam &

To Jeffrey & Russell

2mo 6. 1795

Not having received any answer to my proposition of cancelling my note your P Jeffrey. I wait your or his Statement of Interest before I know what to remit for the balance, but as I estimate it to exceed 300 Dollars. I now inclose my Check for that amount which please to have endorsed upon my said Note —— Sam &

To Joseph Hupsey

2mo 6. 1795

Thine of 2d I have rec. & note thy observations upon the sale of Oil & bone. I had no doubt of thy care & abilities in disposing of those articles & only mentioned the proposition from B T. that thou might be seasonably upon the lookout, by what I hear I expect B T is expecting the bone sent him but it is put into my hands for sale, & am under no restraint but to send it where I please — but as I wish to save a little Commission for myself should thou dispose of the whole in an easy way without much trouble. I think thou can afford to divide the commission with me, but if thou are put to much trouble, I had rather do my part of the business for nothing than thou should not be paid. I mean only respecting the bone — Much of the Oil is in the new barrels sent in the Lydia & as they are made of unseasoned Stuff & the heads cat

small, I wish thee to get clear of them as soon as thou can, as I fear it will be expensive keeping them on hand both on account of the leaking & cooping[er] I inclosed thou has Invoice & bill lading, for the whale Oil & bone & also of Casks choice Strained Oil which hope thou will command 3/9 or 3/10 p Gallon for Thou need not pay the freight of the Oil as the Schooner owes me, & Capt Shearman the Agent desires me to Credit it

I am &c

To Thomas Russell Esqr 2mo 4. 1795

On my returning home from several weeks absence I found thy favour dated Dec 16 respecting the surplus freight due upon the Good Ship to New York by Capt West — I always supposed Capt West had shipd them for the same terms of his own Contract, but as the Capt is deceased I suppose no further light can be gaind upon it — I have therefore inclosd thee my Check for twelve Dollars for £4.16 — New York Curry. Difference between £19.16. & £15. — with respect I am &c

To Jos Hussey & Mira Eliot 2mo 9. 1795

In closing my letter to thee by the same conveyance, I have rec. the inclosed bills of Exch from Charleston, I have endorsd them to the Cash of the U S Bank Boston. as they are pay. in Boston & crave thy particular care to entrust them with some friend of thine to have them accepted as speedily as possible & returned to thee. please then to lodge them in the Bank for Collection — I would not trouble thee with this business if I had any acquaintance at Marblehead — please inform of their rec.

I am

one bill Jan 28. 1795 Jno Cockle on Jos Hinkley Marblehead in favr Wm Robt Junr Dollars 1666 63/100

one do. Jan 13. — do. on do. favr Geo Forrest ——— 500

one do. Hockley on Jos Hinkley favr Thos Robt — 700 the property

NB the bill for 500 Dol is the property of Wm Salman sent for Collection

to Hazard & Robenson & Co. 2mo 9. 1795

The bearer hereof my freind T Coffin M.r of the Ship Ann has concluded to go to Charlestan to Load for Europe — Any favours you may plian to confer upon him, I shall feel myself obligated for, as he is quite a stranger in your Cantry — I requert you will furnish him with the amount of One Thousand ~~Dollars~~ Pounds Sterling & more if he stands in need for the Loading one third part of this Ship — and take his Draft upon me — I am &c

To Hazard Robenson & Co. 2mo 9. 1795

Last post brought me your favour of 1mo 12. the contents of which I have duly noted, and am pleased to hear you have remitted to my Uncle T Botch half the proceeds of the Dauphin & Cargo as his last leetters expressed his anxiety to hear from you

I am glad to receive your Sales of the several parcels of Candles & Oil, which shall be placed to your debit — In yours I also have John Cockles bill upon Joseph Hinkley for Dollars 1666 67/100 in my favour which when paid will Credit — & pass the balance of 20/. to Brother Hazards Account. — We are about makeing a Shipment of Straind Oil & Candles either directly to Charlston or Via Newport P your Ship William — as I am going from home my Clerk will inclose the Invoice — this Shipment I hope you will be able to sell in a short time and also the Shipment P Talman is aready Sold. from those Shipments with what you are in cash for Brother Hazards Acc.t — I shall give Cap.r Thaddeus Coffin of the ship Ann a letter of credit upon you for the amount of one Thousands pounds Sterling or more if he wants,

He is in person here. & left his Ship at New York which he is now bound & if a freight is not engaged for the Ship, he determines to go immediately to Charleston and in this proposal brother Hazard is united — I am & one box of hats sent, As P Invoice folio 132

2mo 8th. 95

Edward Davis

Thy obliging fav. of 16th came safe to hand inclg Policy on the Swan, the Note for which I have signed & now inclose thee — I am more & more discouraged respecting Boston Insurance, since there seems an impossibility of ever obtaining payment in Case of Loss: £200 due on the Policy of J Hussey & the Asia — thy son told me would be paid the week I was in Boston but of this I can get no information, nor with respect to clg the Bonds &c. & the Sale of the potter — the view I had in putting that business into Edwards hands was both from a desire to serve him, & to have the business more expeditiously done than I supposed my old & faithful fr. J Hussey would accomplish it — the latter view has been quite frustrated — & I have even requested if all the fr. was not collected that the acct. might be closed without it — I know not why this delay has continued — As to the policies of Fitch & Tobey I am quite ashamed of making excuse to those men, who not being much acquainted with business of this kind I have no doubt think me neglectful of their interest — but as I have the premium to pay upon Capt. Coleman's Insurance on policy No. 674 amounting to 150.
& also his policy from Woolwich Bay . . . . . 96.
and the present note of the Swan — Insurance . . 18.
£264

I hope the Office will not call for those premiums but wait their own collections —

Hussey is in reputation his business is accomplished & I hope the money is paid as he is in want of it —

I am obliged by thy information upon the point of Exchange, as also for thy care in forwarding my letters, when an alteration takes place I shall — or Edward are writing me I shall be very glad of any information — with respect I am &c

2mo 8th. 95

To Benjamin Alley

Thine of 7th came to hand last post & I duly note the contents —

I have made my arrangements to appropriate the money in thy hands to the discharging a note of mine that becomes due 25th of next mo which being on interest, will make no difference to me, nor do I supppose it will to the person to whom it is due if it should not be paid until the fourth Month— that thou may rest easy until thy bill becomes due—

Our price for Cordage (which is of the best quality) is 60 ₰ C^t at three months Credit if thou wishes it at 6 months thou shall have it at the same price. but I wish thee to get it where thou can make the easiest terms— as we have a Constant demand it will make no difference to us— I am &c

To Gibbs & Channing 2mo 17. 1795

I have your favour of the 13th & note your desires relative to the Oil, it is now ready & a Vessel we suppose will take it as soon as the weather will permit— We deem it of importance to be soon on its way— Having no Correspondent at Dublin I am obliged by your recommendation thinking to avail myself of it—

If you have or know of any freight for London we shall be glad to hear of it, being desireus of makeing up a freight for a Ship of ours now here— having about half a freight in prospect—

Major Lyman informed me he should leave in your hands 120 Dollars he has Collected on acc^t of Wm Rotch & Sons— I shall be obliged by your placing it to my Credit. & appropriate it towards the 10 Shares in the Bridge whenever another Assessment is made we yet determine upon sending only 10 Tons of Oil if you think 15 or 20 will find a profitable Sale at Dublin & we omit sending our Ship to London, we shall like to send it— I am &—

To Edward Forbes 2mo 20. 1795

By the recommendation of our mutual friends Gibbs & Channing. I have taken the liberty of consigning you a small quantity of strained white Spermaceti Oil, as ₰ Invoice & Bill of Lading herewith—

The Shipment I have made by way of Experiment, never having Shipped any before to Ireland, which I hope will prove an advantageous Market. as it is an Article I deal much in, and the duty we pay in London is a great discouragement except when very high there, as is now the case, my last advices quoting this kind at £59— ₰ Ton—

Oils of all kinds have much advanced in the course of the last year in the country, and will so continue during the existance of European War,

I shall be glad of thy early information relative to the Sale of this Invoice, which thy observation

upon the quantity of this kind as well as of whale Oil that can annually find a Sale at your market — and the probable prices duty & Expences that may be calculated upon — for both kinds.

As soon as thou can advise me of the Sales of the Oil I shall be glad of thy liberty to draw for the proceeds, and should your Market be adequated to the ready Sale of a considerable Cargo, I may perhaps on Shiping thee one hereafter want to avail my self thereof so as to draw for a part Before I can hear of its Sale — provided I can have thy liberty for it — I am &c —

Sam Shine & Co

To David Anthony

2mo 21. 1795

Thine of 17th Inst. yesterday with the two Saws, for thy kind attention in procuring them I feel myself — the above is Inv.o of 30 boxes Candles & 3 bls. St. Oil We have no more Oil of either kind to sell at present having concluded to Ship all we have in a Ship we are about to Load for Europe — This also accompanies Invoice of 30 boxes Candles for Wm Rotch Jr. & Sons — I am

Respected Friend

Wm Burnaston & Son to B W J

In the absence of Thomas Hazard Jun.r & by his request have ship'd to thy address ten Boxes Spermaceti Candles, which wish the to dispose of as much above the preceeding limits as will be for his interest — & in the mean time I am &c —

To Gibbs & Channing

2mo 24. 1795

I wrote you on the 17th to which please to be referred — I have now inclosed you my bills of lading for 42 Casks Oil which I crave the favour of your having fill'd & signed and inclosing one under my Cover to C Forbes — also herewith — the freight by my brothers proposition I take to be regulated by the size of the Flaxseed Casks, which I suppose about four of them will be equal to Ton — you will please to have the freight rightly entered — I conceive 90/. as mentiond in your first letter much too high & I suppose at 18/. P Cask of seed it will be 72/. I shall be obliged by your forwarding me the second Bill of Lading — I am &c

To Joseph Thebaud

2mo 21. 1795

Thy esteemed favours of the 12th Inst. I have this day rec.d & note thy observations respecting the Charleston remittance — I find their Sales are generally made for paper & Spain there, or bills abroad to be paid in Spain always bear a premium H & R lately remitted me a bill at 4/10 the Dollar 90 Days sight, with information that their paper had much appreciated — Thy tell me likewise that they have remitted my Uncle his half of the Dauphins Sales —

I now inclose thee Seth Russell & Sons bill of Exchange upon Minturn & Champlin in N.Y.k at 25 days sight for Thirty Seven hundred & forty three Dollars & 15/100 which I have endorsed to thee & charge to thy account —

I have not rec.d the second payment for the Negroe who falls due next Month — with Love &c —

duplicate & post w.th 2d bill

2mo 21. 1795

to James Freeman

On my coming home yesterday I was much disappointed in finding Capt. Colemans had ordered so large a sum advanced. He had before told me there was not much due & I had no Idea of more than 3 or 400 Dollars which I thought was so little & would oblige thee to have nearly settled, that it would make no difference with me, upon that consideration I ordered the supposed balance paid — but from my present arrangements I cannot even upon Interest advance thee more than five hundred Dollars — I must therefore request thee not to have my Check presented — but I will send my note for 600 and another Check for 500, & take up the Check for 1500 Dl. for allowing that sum, I have appropriated all the money I have in the Bank — if thou has sent the Check to Boston I will send the others there also — if more agreeable I will send an order on Js. Hussey to be paid when he sells the Oil in Cask —

Love &c —

2mo 21. 1795

To Freeman & Bata

By James Freeman has sent you a Chuck with my name to it for 1500 Dollars to collect I shall be much obliged if you will hold it untill you hear again from him, My reasons for which will be explaind when I clear to deal after reading I forward to him — he had a Chuck from me same time since wh. he told me he should send to you, This makes me take this course at this time, altho he mentioned to my Clerk who filld the Chuck that he should send it down by his neighbour Fitzpenden — Your attention hereto and also stopping it in any other persons hands will much oblige your Assured friend — Jam &c —

To Thomas Dickason & Co. 2mo 24. 1795

Since the preceding duplicate of my last I am favourd with your obliging letter of 19th Decr to which I place due attention. & am very sorry to find you are yet without my remittances —

I have lately received further letters & information from Havre, by which I find notwithstanding my former advices my money will lay in Hambro until my letters reach there — I have consequently wrote Labbert & Dumas to remit as soon as possible two thousand pounds to my uncle & the remainder near two thousand pounds more to you — That I hope now the fatality that has attended that property will ere long come to an end — I am &c —

To Joseph Hussey 2mo 24. 1795

Since Mine of 9th I am without any of thy letters — this serves to cover a few letters I crave thy care in forwarding by first conveyance other than the Ship by whom thou sent the others as they are duplicates. I saw a Vessel advertised for Hambro to sail about the time I sent my other letters dotton I hope mine for that place went her —

If no more direct way for the inclosed for Hambro than by the way of London — I request thou will put the one for Labbert & Dumas & Dickasons under one Cover to D & Co.

Sam.l Foy requests his arrearage of Taxes for 1793 between 60 & 70 Dollars may be paid the Treasurer. I request thou will pay it & send me his receipt & charge to my acct.

I hope soon to have a conveyance by water for some Candles — we have had a Charge call upon us for the Westward (where none have sold under half a Dollar) that we have not been able to send any by land — I wish thy early information of the Oil & bone reaching thee & of the Sale — I am thy & your friend &c

2mo 25. 1795

To Brown Benson & Ives

Your favour of 23d was handed me last evening, and I duly note your proposals relative to 20 Tons Whale

Not hearing from you so soon as I expected I had made a contract for the Sale of all the Oil I have on hand but it not being delr. I have prevailed upon the purchaser for the release of 10 or 15 tons which I shall forward to you as speedily as possible upon the terms you mention of two tons Oil for one ton Hemp —

And as the Vessel that will take it round the Oil will not bring more than 3 or 4 tons of Hemp I shall write to Capt. David Wilbur who has gone to Newport & Providence with a request to call on you for 4 tons of Hemp which you will please to deliver him —

I note your observations upon the conversation I had with our friend MB respecting the Bill on London I am not yet in a situation to draw But as I have some money lay unemployed in Philadelphia, I am willing to give you a draft upon Jos. Anthony & Son for four or five Thousand Dollars, provided I can command it at a short notice, as I know not when it will be wanted It is only deposited with me to improve as I may think best for the owners security — our friend MBrown told me the Bank would discount that sum for you or a larger sum for you at any time I should want it — the probability is that it will not be calld for in less than 6 or 12 months — but as the proprietor is abroad he may suddenly draw upon me —

I am

2 mo 26. 1795

To Gibbs & Channing

My bro Hazard wrote me that you had mentiond to him, a person in New London who had about 200 tons freight for London, & that you were so oblig^d as to be willing to apply for for our Ship — for your kindness herein I feel myself much oblig^d & shall take it as a favour if you will make the enquiry relative thereto & give me the earliest information — I have yet had no convenience to consult my relatives on Nantucket who own most of the Ship — but as I suppose the Ship will take 230 or 240 Tons fre^t I conclude they would be willing to give up the shipment of all their oil except 30 tons so as to allow room for 200 ton — provided the Shippers at New-London would engage to fill up with that quantity — Our wish would be to put in such quantity here as to be certain to have the Ship full & in that case should not like to have ours left out provided the calculation should be made to small — if on these conditions we could be made equal to 80 p^r 99 ton Hg. with 5 p^r Cent primage, I would consult my friends & give the earliest informations —

If you are possess^d of any knowledge upon this subject that induces you to think these proposals will not meet with acceptance — I do not wish you to take any trouble ab^t it

Whenever you want any Candles shall be glad to supply you therewith on the shortest notice — I am &c

2 mo 28. 1795

To Brown Benson & Ives

Yours of the 27 I have rec^d. I shall pay attention to forward the Oil as early as possible — If you have room in your Ship for 40 or 50 tons oil for Bourdeaux I shall be glad to know the terms upon which you will take it on fre^t — agreable to your proposal I add my draft upon Jo^s Anthony & Son for 4,000 Dollars — for which you will please to hand your note to our fr^d Mess^rs Brown as I expect to be in Providence on the 10th next mo^

I am &c

To Joseph Anthony & Son 2 mo. 28. 1795

Since my last I have rec.d your obligg letters dated 25th. Dec.r & 29th. Ult.o & duly note your several remarks upon the Sale of Oil &c. as we have in contemplation sending a Ship to Europe she will require all the Sperm. Oil we have, should this fail, when the Spring opens we shall probably send you a few Casks best Straits Oil

I have duly placed to your Debit £3292.8.1. your Currency on Account of Francis May, & since I wrote you have drawn upon you in favour of Gilbert Russell for Dr. 625 — & this day in favour of Brown Benson & Ives for 4000 Dollars — which Bills you will please to pay as they appear

It has proved quite agreable that you were not able to remit the former balance of ~~my~~ Account to the Bank at Boston as I have found means of drawing as fast as occasion has required — I wish you to procure me two Tons of very good Iron hoops not very thick, suitable for Oil Casks to be ready for Bunker

I am &c

3 mo 3. 1795

To Brown. Benson & Ives

I wrote you by last post & forwarded my draft upon J Anthony & Son in your favour for 4000 Dollars which I hope will meet you in Safty — As the late severe weather has put it out of our power to prepare the Oil for you, it must be some days of warmer weather before it can be all ready, as some of it is in Casks that must be Stayed

From some new arrangments that we are now making it is probable we shall delay the Shipment of the Oil my Brother has on hand, unless you can propose agreable terms to fr. it to France for him — if not it is probable I can borrow of him enough to make you from 20 to 40 tons — if you wish to have that quantity, on the terms agreed for the 15 tons — in this case I must be know by return of Post this week, to enable me to take

up a vessell that will carry the whole, thereinto I must put in any that only takes 15 Tons — Iam &c

3mo 5. 1795

To Jam.s Bradley

I duly rec.d thine of 16.th of 1m.o with Capt. Colemans note for 52 Dollars, & Thave never till now found a suitable conveyance for the money — Capt. Coleman has put his Cargo into my hands in consequence of which I now send thee the amo.t of said Note by Capt. Wm. Jarnigan in a fifty Dollar bill & 11/- hav'g p.d 16 Cents postage of thy letter — Thou art intirely welcome for my attention & advancing the money — Iam &c ——

3mo 9. 95

To Jo.s Hussey

I duly rec.d thine of 24.th ult.o & am much oblig.d by thy care of the Bills — the Bill noted for non acceptance — was only handed me to collect for my neighbour Wm. Tallman but I hope it will be paid if not I wish thee to have it protested, & I will take it up for the honor of the endorser H.t Robinson &c. who if I recollect right endorse it — I request no time may be lost in sending Sales of the Oil & bone, as I am advancing upon the Voyage & wish to have it closed as soon as possible — I note the Lydias bill for Spars — I suppose thou has knowledge of a Topmast that was made too Short & left behind — As Coleman gave up the Oil & bone to me ~~unreasona~~ unreservedly, I had nothing to do with Tupper about it — if Coleman had gave him any encouragement he must settle that with him — I have drawn an order on thee in favour of Freeman & Baty for 1000 Dollars to be paid out of the proceeds of the Oil & bone — being on Acc.t of some Shares out of the Ship Elizas Voyage — when thou pays it please to take up my Note to Ja.s Freeman for that Sum & send me — Iam &c

To Freeman & Baty New 3mo 7. 1795

I am obliged by yours of the 28.th ult. and have also rec.d a letter from Ja.s Freeman, by which I find no inconvenience has arisen with respect to my Check being Stop'd in your hands — I wish now you will receive the money at the bank

Say the amount of the Check for Fifteen hundred Dollars, and place 500 to Jas Freemans Credit, & pay my order of this date to my brother in law Thomas Hazard Junr who sends it to Barston at Hanover who is building a Ship for him for one thousand Dollars — and for this Sum I suppose in my note of hand as I have 1500 receipt for the money — & agreeable to Freemans request I also add an order on J Hussey to whom the Ship Oil & Bone is consigned for the same amount. which ought to take up this note — your attention to this business will much oblige me — & shall be glad if you will send me back the order with Barstows name upon it — as my note will be all you will want to hold — I am

To Joseph Anthony & Sons 3mo 20. 1795

I wrote you on 28th ult. advising my having drawn upon you on that day for 4000 Dollars in favour of Brown & Benson & Co which you will please to pay —

I shall be much obliged by your sending me the two tons of Iron Hoops which I heretofore requested by Bunker, and if you find those that are good please to send me three tons — as also a Cask of Linseed Oil —

The bearer hereof Joseph Ricketson, is a young man of respectable family in this Town, Should he stand in need of your Advice or assistance, I shall be obliged by your affording it to him, he being a man of integrity & punctuality — I am &c

To Edmund Prior 3mo 20. 1795

J Atkins brought me thy letter of 20th ult with Invoice of Bread Pease & Staves — but Incumplete. which prevents my passing it to thy Credit — & on some other accounts I shall be glad to have the exact Amount —

I wish thee to compleat the Sale of the Whale Oil as soon as possible, as the whole Cargo is now sold except what may be on hand with thee — if any of the Casks are not good I hope thou has had them Shifted —

The Straind Oil is no higher than with us by large Quantities — I like the Hogsheads very well and wish thee to have 20 more made thicker than the last

if possible. & filld with good Ship bread New & well dried — which I suppose will take about 60 Ct which is the Quantity I want. and I shall advise when I wish it sent If J Kempton in the Mayflower should be in N York coming this way & can bring it I wish it sent by him — I am &c

To Edmond Prior

3mo 23. 1795

The bearer hereof May friend & Neighbour Daniel Ricketson being bound up the North River, I recommend him to thy friendly notice & Assistance. Should he stand in need.

Up the river I expect him to purchase me some staves & heading for which I request thee to accomodate him with Six hindred Dollars, & take his bill on me,

And as Humphrey Hathaway inform me thou will soon be in Cash for his Acct: it will be agreeable to him to receive Daniel Ricketsons Order on me as I have advanced him that Sum — I am &c

To Daniel Ricketson

3 mo 23. 1795

My friend Edmund Prior will pay thee Six hindred Dollars on my Acct which I desire thee to lay out for me in hogshead Staves & heading of a very good quality — with a full proportion of heading — and have them at good landing for a Vessell of 80 tons to go, to take them of — I am &c

To Samuel Phillips Esqr

3 mo 20. 1795

It is some time since I closed the Sales of thy paper sent me last summer, which ought to have been attended to before, but Several Weeks absence from home, & my own forgetfulness is all I can plead for the neglect which hope thou will Excuse — I now inclose thee my Check for 60 Dollars 27 Cents. — most of the last Shipment is yet on hand but a sale will soon open for more than I have — I am &c

To James Center 3mo 31. 1795

I have just recd thy letter, & note the offer of 12/. thou has recd for the hair, it is very inferior to what I expected when I ordered it from N.York, but as it is an article I dislike to keep on hand, I consent to thy selling it, rather than lay longer out of the Money — the terms of payment will be agreeable — I am &c

4mo 6. 1795

To Jos Thorpe

I duly recd thine of 12th ult. with Sales of the whale Oil & hope thou will soon be able to sell the Bone of which thou will please to give me the earliest information — As I expect to be much absent this Spring from home, I want to make my arrangements for Money to be paid to my brothers when they apply thou will please to examine thy Sales & let me know what sum thou thinks I may calculate upon in all the 6mo & whenever my brothers T.R or H.H. draw upon thee for my acct please to answer their dfts.

As one Note of Wm Gray Jr Sales due 21. of this mo. for £328.6.6. & the other two of £300 each on 4 next mo. I thot best to send them & thee now & request thy care in collecting them & depositing their amo to my Cr in the Brandt Bank, when I shall calculate for them when they fall due — I am

To Philip Wanton 4mo 9. 1795

I feel much obliged by thy kind attention to my unpleasant business with Wm Wood — transmitted through Capt Kempton who arriving on the 4th handed thine of 2mo 21. and the post brought me on the same day another of 3mo 20. the Contents of which I duly observe, and am very glad to find Wm Wood discovers a disposition to make me some compensation for the favour I confered upon him — I did not fond any Credit on his Acct of Corn & Beans, but I recollect some beans one hodgshead if I recollect right & perhaps some Corn of which I dont doubt his account & perhaps I may find it from his wife Every thing that he has supplied me with I shall gladly allow — and wish thee to accept of any remittance he may make thee and sell on my acct as I had rather suffer a

loss than have the matter laying thus unsettled — I had rather have Flour sent me than Corn if thou can sell the Corn — the bearer Weston Howland tells me me will he will be able to bring some freight for me — if thou can commaand any thing, I shall be glad of some remittance by him, if Flour of good quality thou may ship it on my acct but if Corn. Thou may engage it to Capt Howland & take his draft upon himself therefor & send me, and I wish thy further attention hereto and to have a watchful care to collect all thou can — in as easy a maner as thou can — If it is necessary & Hempton did not leave my Power & Substitute thee I will send thee one —

As thou omitted sending me a price Current I know not the value of Candles & Oil which are the only articles I now have for your market. but in order to try the market I send thee 20 boxes of excellent quality by Capt. Howland as p Invoice inclosed — they sell at no Market in the United States under 50 Cents p pound & payment is made for the Boxes —

4 mo. 9. 1795

To Joseph Thibaud

Thine of the 14th ult came duly to hand and I shall as soon as the most favaurable time arrives put to Sale the remaining Articles of the Dauphin & Betsy but as several New Ships will be fitted out this Season I think they will do ~~a little~~ better a little time hence —

Having advanced Money to Capt. Van Ransellaer of your Brig. Peggy of your Port who came in in distress —

I have taken the Capt. Drafts upon David Ogston at sight one dated April 6 for 100 Dolls
one — — — — — 33
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133 Dollars. which I endorse to thee, and desire thou will receive payment and place to my Credit — I am &c

4 mo 11. 95

To J. Hufty

I wrote thee on the 6th since which I have had occasion to draw upon thee in favr of Leonard & Weaver 400 dollars & Jeffrey & Russell £7.6 — which I clear to pay, & I wish thee to send up by Russells Stage Man M Hasbell 1000 dollr in Silver if practicable if not in Gold — I have looked into thy Sales & think there will be due in course of two months from 8 to 10,000 Dollars, & as I am going for Home for several weeks I wish thee to answer

the drafts of either my Brothers or my Clerk A Barker who will have occasion of Considerable money in my absence — do remember Joys payment to the Treasurer requested Long time plase to send me by first Opill 8 Pc. good Ru Duck Jamm 6 Pc. Ra Duck & 1 Chest good Schea Tea —

To Jaffrey & Russell 4mo 11. 1795

Your favr. of Feb 10 covered my note to your P Jeffrey with a Statement of Interest & payments thereon leaving a balance due to you £250"4" previous to the recpt. of which I had forwarded my Check dated 2mo 6 for 800 Dollars, which I suppose you recd about the 12th of course 40/ Intt had accurced which left a balance due to you ..... £12.4"

& I have Charged you paid J Chalonors demand against J Russell — } 4.19.5
nt part Interest }
due from me ... £7"4"7
with 2mo Interest ... 1"5
£7"6"—

of which I now inclose an Order on Joseph Hussey which please to receive & balance my Acct Jam &c

5mo 2. 1795

To Joseph Anthony & Son

In the absence of Wm Rotch Jun I have supplied the Schooner Industry Capt. Uriah Rathbuck of Alexandria with 165 Dollars & 75 Cents for which sum I now inclose you his draft upon Wm Hartshorn & Co of that place & which I wish you to receive & Place to the Credit of Wm Rotch Jun — Jam ~~Yr~~ your Freind A Barker

To Wm Bunaughs 5mo 9. 95

I wish this to procure & forward by the returns of Mosher (if convenient) two Hhds NE Rum one of them about two or two & a half barrels, & one barrel W I Rum, all of which I wish this to attend to getting Cask that are good. suitable for Oil, likewise 20 bus. Onions & charge the same to Acct of for Wm Rotch A Barker

To Joseph Anthony & Son — New Bedford 5 mo 12. 1795

Being in want of more Iron hoops than we have on hand, I must request your sending by the return of Capt. Bunker Three Tons of same kind as those you last sent, as to widest thickness & length & place the same to account of your Assured Friend — Jam & c for W R & A Barker

5 mo 19. 1795

To Samuel Phillips Esq

Having rec'd our supply of Sheathing Paper sent before of thee, I now take the liberty of informing that the last thou sent is all engaged, & not enaught to supply the demand — Should thou incline to send some more, I wish no time might be lost in trying to forward, perhaps twenty or thirty Bundles would soon find a Market — Capt. D Wilbur is now in Boston Bound directly for this place, if this should come to hand in time, would be a good conveyance —

for W R junr & B

To Joseph Thibaud — 5 mo 18. 1795

Inclosed thou has my draft upon Nath'l G Ingraham of your City for 41 39/100 Dollars being amo't of expenses on an invalid that Capt. Van Rensellear left here & gave me orders to pay, which I wish thee to present & receive, & place the same to acc't of thy Attend'd &c. in behalf

W R & A Barker

To Nath'l G Ingraham — 5 mo 18. 1795

I duly rec'd thy favour of 5 th inst & agreeable to request have inclosed the acc't of the expenses upon the Brig't Peggy with the amo't of cash advanced Capt Van Rensselaer — likewise a Bill of the expenses arising upon one of Van Rensselaers Sailors that froze himself on board the Brig't before she arrived here — which he gave me Orders to pay, and draw upon his Owners therefor, in conformity thereto I have this day drawn in favour of Jos Thibaud

of your City — from the conversation I have had with Capt Greene (with whom the invalid is now going) I suppose he will charge about four Dollars or what even the common custom for passages may be, if I have time shall stipulate the price with him — The amt of the expences for which I have drawn is forty one Dollars 89/100 on behalf of W Jun — A Barker

5 mo 29. 1795

To Joseph Hussey

On my returning home I found seven of thy favours which came to hand in my absence, to which I find attention has been paid, & the sale of the bone meets my approbation —

I shall regulate my drafts & arange my business to meet thy collections, & it is probable that in the course of 6 weeks I shall have occasion to call upon thee for the principle part — Thy letter covering the Treasurers rec.t I also find —

I am obliged by thy having paid my draft to Mares Brazen for two thousand Dollars as advised in thy letter to Thos Hazard Jun — and I hope thou has collected payment for the Notes of W Gray —

I am pleased to find that payment will now be made upon the Charleston Bills which were before protested, they shall be sent thee, & I wish thee to charge the cost of protest, and advise me as soon as the money is paid & deposited in the Bank or if thou will send them to the Bank they will collect them do which thou pleases — for thy particular care & attention to this business I am obliged & wish thee to charge brokerage whether thou collects ~~or not~~ the money or not — Please advise me relative to Wm Tallmans Bill — I find the Barrel of Essence of Spruce is at hand, & should any person in behalf of John Newlove of Falmouth call upon thee for payment therefor I request thee to pay it — I think the price was 6/ pr gln when thou ast inwant of more Candles we can send them Head Matter now sells at £90 & upwards & £50 —

I understand by brother Hazard that he has rec.d a small parcel from Liverpool for W R our friend M Rotch has been advised of a few Books or pamphlets sent by her Husband to Nathaniel

& Benson Liverpool to be sent to thy care, as she is now here & will leave this place after next week, please to do the needful at the Office & send them by the Stage on 5th day next, as no Inv.e has come to hand, they being only ordered to be given away, the pains must be optained if the Collector requ.s it - please charge me with the expence -

I wish thee to send me by first conveyance one Ca. Sp.i Brown - My Clerk drew upon thee a few days since for £7.16.10 in favour of Portman & Blake which draft when it appears thee'll please to pay & Place to my Acc.t

I am &c.

5 mo 27. 95

To Portman & Blake

I mentioned you have my draft upon G.S. Thurry for £7.16.10 am.t of the two P.s Liver requested a few days since which came safe to hand & to good satisfaction, for your kind attention to that business please to accept my thanks - for W.m R Jun.r & Co. Barbados

5 mo 30. 1795

To David Anthony

By P. Norton thee will receive 30 Boxes Candles for my Acc.t & 100 Boxes for W.m Robt & Sons - which I am sorry have not been forwarded to thee before, but no conveyance has before presented -

I shall here inclose thee Invoice of my 30 boxes & I believe brother Robt has sent thee an Inv.e of the others -

I am &c.

5 mo 30. 1795

To Peter Rae Dalton

I shall be much obliged by thy collecting of Benj.a Tupper 90 Dol.s 37 Cent by the inclosed Order & pass the same to my Credit -

I observe in my Bank Acc.t there is a charge of 32 Dol.s not extended being part of 124 D. & 92 Cts paid by E.s Davis Jun.r 92. 72 only being extended I draw thy attention to see that is properly adjusted as I know not the cause, as (Parsons) is annexed I conjecture it was a Bank Bill from that place - which I hope has been applied for so that it may be returned, as it may be finally overlooked 2

To Thomas Dickason & Co. 6 mo 1. 1795

Your obliging favour of 18 Feb.y I have lately received covering your Account Current with me, up to the close of the year ballance in my favour £18. - 11. which appears free from error & is noted accordingly - I am greatly obliged by your attention to my business and am sorry you have so much trouble in the Mary case, which however by your Postscript of 20 feb.y I hope has terminated -

I cannot account for your having received no remittances from Hamburgh - as I find by a letter from Capt.n Hawes by the Minerva that none had reached you at his date, but as he was in possession of a considerable property, to deposit with you, I hope you have availed thereof to pay the sum requested to my Uncle Frances Rot and I also hope Capt.n Hawes will in his next give me some further account of the sum remitted to Lubert & Dumas, as he is in case of delay to go to them - the low rate of exchange at present discourages my drawing, but - I apprehend a short time will alter it in our favour.

Should my brother Benjamin Rotch wish to appropriate any monies of mine in your hands you will please to follow his directions. -

I am sorry it was not convenient for me to make you a Shipment of Sperm Oil, since the price has so much advanced, it is also greatly risen here £50 Tno having been given, & more is now talked of. but our Market will afford so large a demand for home consuption that very little will be exported -

See postscript on next page -

I am

To Samuel Enderby & Sons 6 mo 1. 1795

I have duly received your esteemed favours Dated Feby 4 & March 9. and sincerely wish it was in my power to execute your Order for Spermaceti Oil. but at present there is none of the kind you describe. nor must expected until Fall, when any does arrive & can be purchased at your Limits I shall chearfully comply with your request - My connections at Nantucket will have it in there power to be competitors on the Market for about 100 Tons Daily expected from the Pacific Ocean which is all they look for - but as the price at this moment is up to £50 - Tno. it may be expected with almost every other article to advance, as every advantageous thing seems in a state of fluctuation - Whale Oil is now selling in Boston at £35 Tno. ℔ Ton - for what Market I cannot conceive that is adequated to that price - I fully understand your discription of the quality of Oil wanted and shall confer thereto if in my power, in the best manner possible -

your postscript in your last letter extending your former limits for Seed 4. ℔ Quarter I duly observe, but as the season is not yet come for the present years Sales I cannot say what the probability is, but will constantly keep your interest in view. & if practicable execute your Order in course of the season —

my brother S Rodman has in charge to collect the information from the Ships from Peru & will doubtless communicate it from the Island — The Islands who have all of them run upon wood bottoms, are quite discouraged going into the Pacific Ocean & I doubt if any more go upon that Coast - untill they can have liberty to recruit in the Spanish Ports having until the last season met with some difficulty from the Spannish Ships and been ordered out of their Ports — One Ship however last year received very civil treatment in one part & by recruiting the people were enabled to obtain a tolerable voyage — I am &c

T Dickeason PS 5th. last evening mail brought me your two esteemed of 20th & 23 March. soon after which I hope you were in Cash for my Acct £2700 Stg. unless the Specie brot over by Capt. Hawes sold to considerable Loss — I have also at this time a letter from my uncle FR, wherein he says he shall only draw from your Fifteen hundred pounds Stg for my Acct he having appropriated a part of the £2000 - I have requested you to pay for him to be made on this side — I am much obliged by your care in sending the Senator, which I hope to receive in due season — I am &c

Dear Uncle

6mo 5. 1795

Last evening Mail brought me thy favour dated March 26. and I heartily rejoice that I have at length had centered in London property to answer thy demand upon me by Capt. Hawes Arrival there — I have been greatly mortified at the delay thou has sufered in consequence of the unaccountable detention my money has experienced at Hamburgh, which has been so far beyond my expectation, that I knew not what to calculate for, & I now fear Hawes will have to make a voyage there to see to it — the only consolation I have respecting the delay on thy account is that if the payment had been made at the time I desire it & had

every reason to expect it - premium upon Exchange would have been 10 ℔ Cent. which I dont expect will now exceed 5 - it having been for some time this spring at par - Whatever I obtain for the remainder I think will be right to Charge thee I have had no payment yet from L Jarvis my father has lately treated with him & he consented to pay in a short time £360. Stg

I note thy conclusion to draw only £1500 Stg for my Acc.t of T Dickason & Co. As my father has not to my knowledge sent any Vessel to thee. I shall leave to thee to pursue thy own Judgment, as I shall reserve funds enough in London to Answer thy ballance when ascertained

I know not that the sales of the Dauphins Stores had the least connection with thy settlement with the Underwriters or I would have completed them long since, but wishing to make the most of them and our Ships mostly going into the freighting business last year I knew they would be sacrificed if sold then - at this time the prospect is good for many Ships to go into the fishery and I have reserved the most of them to this time I shall close the sales immediately & hope to get them on by the first Ship

As my orders are gone to Hamburgh for £2000 Stg to be remitted to Lands[illegible] Bax & Elliott for thy acct I request thy directions to them that if they should receive it and my brother Benjamin should call upon them to pay it to him, or if any of my bills to T Dickason & Co should appear & they should call upon them to take them up it is my request they should do it

I make this provission as it is probable I may draw before I know how the money is disposed of, & I have given such liberty to my brother & Capt Hazard relative to appropriations for my acct that it may become necessary

I have not yet been able to hear any thing on this side relative to the sale of the Sandy Estate on the Island, who is the agent for the heirs I cannot yet learn, Andrew Sp[illegible] of Boston I hear was the attorney to the deceased, but he has gone to India

I have not yet, been upon the Island but from what I can learn, I am not willing to give more than £750 - Stg for her part, as I find the late Surveys make the contents much less than the antient Records and it is destitute of either house or fence Geo Hazard Esqr of Newport owns a lot about half the quantity of Sandys which has only rented for 45. & sometimes 50 Dollars, and at that price I believe this year

remains without a Tenant — that property there, is by no means of equal value with farms on the Continent — and with all the Improvements Houses & Walls or fences, they seldom exceed 10 Dollars ℔ Acre for common Land & often 8 Dollars these considerations taken into view if thou has it in ~~the~~ thy way to make any furth proposals them, I Shall esteem it a favour. & if thou finds who is their Agent to give me his name if the Matter is still referred to him — Farr &c

To Josep Hussey — New Bedford 6mo 5th 1795

Thine of 2 Inst. last evening and am pleased to find thou hast received payment for the two bills of Exchange upon Hinkley & also has paid to my Cr in the Bank 1670. 80 — all which I have noted on my bokes, & have this Day given Wm Tallman an order upon the for £150. 8. — for his bill, which please to pay when it appears. I note thy having rec.d of Wm Gray £600. for this two notes, which I also have charged to thy Acct —

I am much obliged by thy care of the bundle from Liverpool it has safely come to han T Dickason & Co say they have sent me a bundle of Senators (Parliamentary debats) ℔ the Mary to thy care when they reach thee please to send them by the sl Wm Rotch & Sons have 5 Tons hoops I suppose in thy care, & they have left it with me to order them here if wanted, if thou receives no other drections before Philip Nash who now goes to Scituate to take round Materials for my brothers Ships) calls upon thee please to ship them by him — unless Capt Kempton in the Mayflower should be in Boston from Alexandria & is bound here —

For the payment of the Ship at North River My brothers will probable have an order upon thee which will be wanted in course of this months for 8000 Dollars & as the builders are very averse to receiving Gold they requested the favour of thy reserving Dollars for them —

please to mention the price of London exchange when thou write again —

I wish thee to send me also by Mayer 2 or 3 p.s of good Ravens Duck —

I am &c —

To Joseph Anthony & Sons 6mo 9. 1795

During a few weeks absence several of your favours have come to hand covering sundry Sales the last of which by Bunker of the Oil Ship'd by him, which are all duly noted, and have all proved satisfactory — this incloses Invoice of 25 Casks more Pure Strained Oil which hope will meet a Speedy sale – the price is rapidly advancing now here — I hope you will be able to attain 4/. for the Candles agreeable to your expectation — I hope you have succeeded in procuring me the hoops perhaps two tons may Answer at the present time —

Since my return I have given Gilbert Russell an order on you for Dollars 650 – which you will please to pay when at appears — I am &c

To Edmond Prior 6mo 10. 1795

I have only twice to say that my father has been necessitated to procure a pair of horses for our dear friend N Routh & companion, in which he has been Successful as to the quality, and desires thou would omit procuring those thou has had in commission & if purchased and they can be sold without too much trouble to thee he wishes they may be disposed of — Yesterday & this morning we parted with our friends Samuel Smith, Joseph Cloud, John Wigham & N Routh, on their way to the Yearling Meeting which begins to tomorrow they are all in usual health, and have laboured in our parts to very great acceptance — may their labours prove efficacious to produce among us that real dedication of heart to the cause of Religion, that is most certainly our indispensable duty, is the heart full desire of thy very affectionate — I Am &c —

To Benjamin Rotch New Bedford 6mo 10. 1795

I am a little gratified that I have it in my power to say I have received a letter from thee, tho very short it is acceptable, as it conveys the affectionate

desire of a Gloves brother to render me service, it is that of 3mo 7. which is the more acceptable as it is promissary of another in a few days by the Boston Ships, two of which have already arrived, but as the Galen may ~~may~~ be soon expected I hope the promise will be then fulfilled — I feel greatly obliged by thy kind attention to my business under the care of my trusty friends Capt. Hawes, whose punctuality in writing me has increased my confidence, & altho, during the exctremity of a winter unfavorable to traffic he disposed of our Oil at a price that will not now replace the same quantity here, yet I doubt not he was guided by the best motives his judgment could suggest — which would be a sufficient justification to myself had I done the like — as know not his Determination either to enter thy service or return home I shall omit writing him until I know it —

I have directed D.D.C to follow thy directions with respect to the money deposited with them for my acct. and as I have directed Lubert & Dumas to remit Lancaster Bax & Ellille £2000 Stg for my uncles account; since which by my previous order to D.C I expect from the remittance by Hawes they have pade him. & in my last to my uncle of 5th Instant I have requested him to desire L.B & Ellille to hold that remittance if made to them for thy direction, That they Hamburgh I expected about £3000 Stg, but for certain purpose I have once ordered to be lodged in the hands of Alex & Benj. Champion about £1500 Stg, since which I have advanced near the same Amount which subjects that, if paid there, to my own use, I shall therefore give an order conditional to thee to receive it — and I suppose Hawes, paid £2500 — making together £4500 and uncle T.R wrote me he should call only for £1500 — that I hope £6000 — now stands to my credit, if so I wish thee to appropriate three thousand pounds (if none is already applied in connection with J. Hawes) to the purposes mentioned by our dear father to the care of I Sturge to purchase best refined to be put into new Iron bound puncheons or of less size suitable for Oil — if that application is already made that I authorized Hawes to make, then the residue of the three thousand,

and if thou finds it can be bought at about 12 pence I should like four thousand pounds Sterling so applied, provided thou can prevail on my friends T Dickason & to accept my drafts for £3000 - which is the sum I shall calculate to draw if necessitated but at present see no prospect of drawing any & I shall probably be in the way of centering more in their hands — Whatever is purchased I wish may by all means be shipped me as early in the fall as is practicable, or at least as much of it as can be ready when manufactured by us we obtain 50 Cents but not very quick sale for large quantities — the duty in America is 11 ½ Cent, upon the Invoice

I am &c —

To Alex & Benj: Champion

6mo 9. 1795

I have ~~lord~~ desired Lubbert & Dumas of Hamburgh to remit you for my act the proceeds of 20288 marc Banco, the object I had then in view being diverted, I crave the favour that if in your hands you will pay the same to my brother Benj: Rotch — I am &c —

To Joseph Anthony & Son

6mo 27. 1795

By your favours of 18th Inst. I find my letter covering invoice & Bunker had not reached you by post, having been by accident omitted by Bunker - I am pleased you have done so well with the Strained Oil, & having a little more on hand I shall put on board what we can get ready — the bill of Iron hoops I place to your Credit —

Common Oil with us is quoted from Boston £36 to £40 - where it will advance to I know not - we shall have none of this kind at Market until fall —

In my absence my clerk A Barker inclosed your Cap: Starbucks Bill on Wm Harbthorn & Co Alexandria for Dollars 153. & 75/100 As you have not mention'd it, I doubt it having come to hand, & having a Vessell bound to Alexandria, I have directed the other bill sent there to be received if the first remain unpaid —

To Joseph Tupsey New Bedford 6mo 27. 1795

Thin of 18 I have duly rec.d & have Credit thy bill of Spanish brown & of Stoddard & Rosher — the Cask of head matter is very acceptable tho' unaccountable, but it must have been rolled down by accident —

Cap.t Coleman has never asked my liberty to draw upon thee, neither have I ever refused him when has has applied for money that has was wrong in drawing upon my acc.t If he has made no provition for the payment of the £100 - & thou will send me an order upon thim therefore. if he will accept it I will please it to acct —

I have drawn upon thee since adviced in favour of Tho.s Hazard Junr for £620 - & £40 — and I have rece.d of two Collectors money to pay to the Treasurer - I should not have increased thy trouble in this kind of busines, had not the man come several miles & saw no way of accomplishing his business. but I have refused any further dependance, except for my neighbour Joy. thou will please to pay the Treasurer five hundred Dollars & take one receipt in name of Samuel Joy for two hundred Dollars, & one in name of Thomas Wodel Collector of the Town of Westport & inclose to me for three hundred Dollars —

my brother writes me a lad by name Chapman comes thro' thy address to me by the Galen - should he need money to pay his expences here I wish thee to furnish him, & when he is discharged from the Ship he may come up in the stage & I will endeavour to find business for him —

please informe me by next post the price of hemp & Cordage with you - & what is the prospect of its rising — I am &c

To Tho.s Dukeson & Co 7mo 6. 1795

added to Duplicate of 6mo 1

Since the foregoing I have rec.d yours of the 1st inst. and note your remarks upon the State of the Bullion Market, which I hope has improved since that time, but whatever you think

best I shall be satisfied with — Capt. Hawes has safely arrived here the last week and brings me L. & Dumas Acc.t of £ 5368.6.9 Stg. bills remitted you for my account on the 22.d of 4.th mo last — which I hope soon to hear confirmed by you, & that that sum is to my Credit which will relieve my mind from much anxiety —

As the course of Exchange has taken a favourable turn I shall probally avail myself there of to draw 2 or 3000£ but the remainder for my brother appropriations — — — I am &c with due respect yours

7 mo 11. 1795

To Peter Roe Dalton

Inclosed is John Skinner Jr.s bill of Exchange upon John Skinner & Sons Boston dated London 18.th May at 60 days sight for one hundred pounds Stg. infavour of my brother Benj.a Rotch which I have indorsed to thee, & request thou will collect for my account & when recieved place to my Credit — — — — — I am &c —

7.mo 11. 1795

To Joseph Hussey

I duly rec.d thy two Letters of 1.st & 2.d inst. & am obliged by thy information respecting Hemp-Cordage & Salt — Our Salt is nearly all gone from 3/6 to 4/6 p bush. that considering the expence of reshipping & waste has done as well as at the price thou mentions but it is to me an unpleasant article to store —

I have rec.d the two Treasurers rec.ts & thou has 6.£ for them — Thou hast done acordings to my wish respecting the Boy for E Wood, she resides now in Philad.a —

If my brother R. who is now gone to Nantucket has not wrote to thee for some Glue, please to send me ~~some~~ 30 lb perhaps 10 lb by the next Stage & the other by water if any conveyance — Please to tell me the Price of Tar —

7mo 11. 1795

To Jos Anthony & Son

Your obligg letter of 27th ult. reachd me two Days since and I am very glad to find you may probly have it in your power to controul the commissioners in respect to the price of Strain Oil — I shall immediately consult the Nantucket house & shall keep all we have on hand for your direction we cannot ascertain the exact quantity we now have but it is between 20 or 30 Tons — We sent by Bunker what he could take after taking in what WMc had in our care — 6/3 will be a very satisfactory price which I hope you will obtain for what we have already Ship'd you — I am &c —

To Benj Coleman 7mo 18. 1795

It is with extream reluctance I can bring my mind to leave liberty for any further advances to be made for Ship Eliza, but anctious thou should get to sea with her as speedily as possible, I have consented that such arrangements may be made to pay of her bills, as will enable thee to get away provided the whole Amount of all my advances shall not exceed five hundred pounds, which I do think it cannot, but if it should, I wish all the bills to be collected & perhaps a part of them may be put upon Credit which will oblige me, as I am not now in a situation to advance much money — Wishing thee health & a successful Voyage I am &c

To Mark Coffin 7mo 18. 1795

I have found a letter from thee which came to hand while I was absent respecting some Insureance, upon the Edward, as thou mention'd no Sum I could not have it effected — as I am now bound from home for several weeks the matter must rest with thee — I dont doubt two or three thousand Dollars would be wrote here — I am &c WRJ —

To Joseph Anthony & Son 7 mo 16. 1795

Capt Bunker arrived yesterday & handed me your favour of the 8th with duplicate of that of the 6th inst., and it afforded me pleasure to find the price is looking up upon Strained Oil, but since I wrote you on the 11th I find two Cargoes of Body Oil have been sold at Nantucket at £55 ₰ Ton, which leaves no doubt as ours is the only winderstrained Oil now at Market, but it will command a great price I should therefore prefer an offer for it delivered here not less than 5/ ₰ Gallon Lms. from the Commissioners in which case I have no view of depriving you of a Commission adequated to your attention to this business, but as my brother S R. has already been at some trouble & expence in opening the way he thinks with us that perhaps half the Commission may be saved together with the freight & risk — yet as Bunker will be able to take a few tons, we think to put it in presuming the same terms may be made for it as for the remaining Quantity we think we shall have five Thousand Gallons or more —

You have Credit for the invoice by Bunker As I shall in a few days leave home, before Bunker sails my young man Abaham Barker will inclose Invoice & bill Lading — & if in my absence he should have occasion to draw upon you or request you sending us any Article for my Acct you will oblige me by following his request — I am &c —

To Jones & Bass 9 mo 12. 1795

Your esteemed favour of 24th Ult. came safe to hand, the contents of which I have paid due attention to, and am sorry to say that untill yesterday there has been conveyance for your two bales of Goods to be

Inclosed you have Capt Freeman Tabers rec't for them Ship'd on bord the Schoones of Boston who sailed yesterday, & annexed is amount of Duties & expences thereon which I hold myself accountable to the Customhouse for, by your having that amount say Dollars 33. 88 Cents placed to my (W B J)

Credit in the Branch Bank, you'l much oblige your Assured Friend who will ever be glad to execute your Commands,

the freight fm Havre is omitted above which youl please to pay likewise

for Wm Rotch Junr
Abm Barker

Duties on 1 Trunk & 1 bundle Merchandize ---- Dollars 30.43

Permit 20 Cts Storage 25 Cts ---- 45

30.88

Freight from Havre 10/ Stg ---- 2.22

Dollars 33.10

To Joseph Hussey

9mo 18. 1795

last evenings Mail brought me the inclosed Invoice & bill Lading - of a box Ribans p the Franklin, which please to ~~sell~~ enter & sell as soon as may be for the best terms thou can, it will to be, the money having fallen very much since it has been laying in France —

On my return home this week I find a letter from George Whipply dated at Hamburgh the 30th May - favord p a Capt Curtis - Boston post mark Aug 7 wherein he says he has sent me 60 Spanish Dollars for the wife of Reuben Cl at Nantucket - if thou can gain any information relative thereto I shall be obliged —

I am &c

To Joseph Habersham Esqr

9mo 24. 1795

I contracted last year for the Transportation of the mail between this place & Nantucket, for one hundred & twenty Dollars, condition that it should be conveyed, at least once a week or as often as a regular packet boat should go. the price was ~~this~~ then considered to be very small & inadequate to the real expence & inconvenience of being obliged on the Mail arriving to send off one of the Packets with or without passengers,

The Mail has been carried twice every Week during my contract, except a few weeks in the winter season - and as we have two packets in the business for transporting the Mail & carrying passingers, and the distance of 60 Miles to Nantucket being an exposed passage open part of the way to the Ocean we are obliged to have large boats between 40 & 50 tons burthen, which are very expensive to maintain. which together with the great advance of mens wages (three of which we have in each boat) & almost every other articles, the former sum has become for inadequate to the object - My proposals therefore I submit to thy consideration which was the same I made last year but being underbidden I took up with less - which is two hundred Dollars pr Annum upon the same conditions as last year - It will undoutedly go twice a week except when interrupted by the ice - but it is impossble to be confined to stated days & hours, as the tide & wind must unavoidably be waited for - but the Communication is kept up by our industrious Packet men between the two parts as often as circumstances requires, & almost as often as wind & tide will admit

I wish to suggest to thy consideration, a great inconvenience the Trading interest of this town suffers from the present arrangements of the mail in the publick stages between this & Boston, the mail is carried twice a week, but instead of making two distinct connections, it forms only one, two Mails going out before one returns, it leaves this Town on 2 & 4 days, & returns on 5 th & 7 th days, whereas on its first being established twice a week it went on 2 & 5 th & returned on 4 th & 7 th days, Page The stage owner makes this arrangement to accommodate himself, but as he receives from the revenue ample compensation for transporting it in a far more convenient maner for us, it is the desire of the people of business in this town that it may be altered -

Thy attention hereto will greatly oblige my Neighbours as also very materially thy Friend - &c

To Joseph Hurd

9 mo 28. 1795

Recollecting to have heard thee mention Capt. George Lane being last year in Europe on business in which thou was concerned I take the liberty of requesting the information wheather he has yet returned,

If not whether he has remitted to thy knowledge some money sent by him from Hamburgh for Capt. Shubael Coffin 2d. or in his absence to be paid Wm Rotch & Sons. Capt. Thad. Coffin writes thus to his brother. dated Hamburgh 6th Mo. "I have sent you by Capt. George Lane of Bost "Seventy nine Louisdor's one hundred French Crowns & fifteen English "Shillings in your absence to be paid to William Rotch & Sons" Capt. Shub Coffin having been long detained on business at Cadez is just arrived here & wishes to gain some knowledge of that money.

Thy reply hereto will greatly oblige Capt. Coffin & confer a favour upon the respectful friend William Rotch Junr

To Wm Lindsay Collector of the Customs Norfolk. 9 mo 29 & 30th

By direction of Tench Coxe Esq I now ship thee 15 Cs Strained Sp. Oil & 8th Rosamund Capt. Th Adams & Invoice & Bill Lading inclosed which I wish safe to hand & am &c

To Tench Coxe Esq 10 mo 1. 1795

Thine of Received one the ult. & finding a Conveyance to Norfolk I have Shipd the 800 Gall. Strained Oil stored with me by thy directions. as no conveyance to New London Georgia or Wilmington is likely to present soon I shall follow thy orders with respect to the remaining 400 Gallons I am &c

To Jos. Anthony & Son 10 mo 5. 1795

I duly received your favour of 3d & 17th ult & also the Commissioners directions respecting the 1200 Gallons Oil left in our Store. I am pleased to find altho T Coxe did not take the Oil, you Exspect to do as well or better with it.

Should the demand for Straind Oil continue perhaps we may prep a little by Bunkers next trip - at which time I hope to have a Ship in with whale Oil, and may probably with to Ship you some of it, your advice therein will much oblige me please to accept my thanks for the Melons you kindly sent me in the Summer they having come to hand in my absence, this is the first occation I have had of acknowledging the same - I shall be obliged by your sending me two barrels best Flour.

I am &c

To Teach Coxe

10mo 2. 1795

Thy favour of 1st ult I duly received & in consequence of thy direction I have Shipd by the Schooner Rosamund Thos Adams Master 800 Gallons Straind Oil for Norfolk & by the Schooner Rainbow Loeth Shearman master 200 Gallns for Savannah in Georgia - as p incosed bills of Lading as no conveyance has occurred for Wilmington or Newlondon. I shall forward the remainder as directed unless the interruption should continue with our Coasters in going to New-York - I am &c

To Joseph Hussey

10mo 10. 1795

I received thine of 6th inst. with Sales of 70 boxes which are charged thy acct - the sales I observe on compareing with our Invoice Book falls short 6½d - where the error was made perhaps cannot now be discovered, if it can be thou will doubtless correct it -

We had just time to mark & put on board the Scooner Capt Delano 60 boxes Candles who sailed yesterday, & when another conveyance presents I shall forward more either on my own Acct or that of Wm Rotch & Sons

I shall be glad to hear the Ribbons are sold, please to let me know their probable amount.

I wish thee to send me by Kempton if not saild if he has by the first Vessel - one Roll thin sheet Lead one Cask - Spanish Brown -

Not having had much call for money this summer as we have made no speculations in Oil till lately I neglected drawing the money laying in thy hands, but having just purchasd quantity I avail myself of opportunities when they occur to draw upon thee & have since the draft to Bryant for £200 - drawn upon thee in Favour of Samuel Procter - 400 -

Henery Huttleston 700

Jeremiah Mayhew - 300

$1400

And as it is the season for our Trades to make their fall purcase its probably I may have occasion to draw all thou may be in Cash for my acct which I expect to have calls upon me for - that I wish thee to be prepared to accept my drafts having no other resource at present but thee - I wish thee to say in thy next what is the current Exchange with London - as also the present price of Hemp Cordage. Whale Oil Straind Spermacete Oil & Bar Iron - also if you have any good Iron hoops at Market & what price. - I am &c -

To Benj^a Hussey

10mo 10. 1795

This evenings Mail brought me thy letter of 8mo 4. to which I have paid very particular attention and am not a little surprized that thou should remain so long ignorant of a transaction, which altho' prudence on my part (only with the view of serving thee) prevented my communicating any information on paper, was nevertheless conducted under the particular direction of thy son in law & every circumstance of it openly & repeatedly treated upon both with him & thy own son, & I had no doubt he was competent to retain in his memory every circumstance relative thereto - the circumstances I shall relate in justification of my own conduct When I have no doubt thou will acquit me of having done any thing but with the strictest view to honour as well as to thy interest - As to my not writing thee, it was in consequence of information relative to the danger of writing even upon business, received from thy own children, & from our mutual friend F. M. that thou wished nothing to be wrote thee & it was also my brothers constant charge; it is true when the Phebe sailed we knew circumstances were somewhat altered, & I had no expectation but to have sent forward all the accounts in which thou was concerned, but Isaiah refused to convey any of them -

and wished me not to write any thing on business at present and he was fully informed of every transaction. I think I am excused for my silence thereupon —

As the Judiths Cargo it was my expectation to retain it until thy order, & I certainly should have done it, but perceiving it was Marks inclination it should be shipped in the Fall of 93 I had no reason to doubt but thou would under the situation of thy family & interest be willing to submit the matter to his judgment — as to the object of obtaining the freight in my own vessel it had no part in my decision for I really regretted having given Mark encouragement of takeing it in the Ship Barclay, as more freight presented Without it than she could take, but finding it his desided choice it should go, I altered the Mary's Voyage after she was fitted to take in her Whaling stores, principally to accommodate it — As several circumstances conspired to form a coincidence with his judgment & mine I will relate some of them, which I thought at the time a full justification for him — The prospect appeared to us very good for the market at that season in France — if retained untill the next season the duty must have been paid which upon the then low price of Oil seemed a great deduction — Leakage was also to be expected, which already had proved more in that Cargo than I had known before in whale Oil — No rise of Oil was Contemplated by any body, and the Edward was also here & the Benj^a expected that the probability was of thy having so much property here in wasting articles that common prudence would consent to such a movement —

My own shipments at that time were much more than I had ever made before, & I gave the very best instruction my abilities would allow both for my own interest & for that of my friends — the Judiths went in my name but David Swain & Cap^a Hawes had each of them a private letter which at all events was to be secreted of which the following is a Copy —

"Please to desire Homberg & Homberg freres at Havre to receive the 291 Casks whal Oil mark-
"ed B ✠ & 131 bundles whale bone same mark, by the Mary, & follow the directions of
"Brothers DeBaugue of Dunkirk with respect thereto." the Captains were possessed of sufficient hints to have the business properly conducted — but the state of Affairs in France on the arrival must be too deeply impressed upon thy mind, to require any explenation why that direction was not followed, — the Oil was eventually sold be immediately paid for (both Cargoes together) the greatest part in Bills on Hamburgh & the remainder in Assignats — the difficulties in France were an apology for Hombergs not giving me the sales or any account of the remittance until I became very uneasy thy Orders had been to have the property all remitted to London & I was in constant expectation of receiving advice thereof — this appointed therein, myself & brothers having about £7000 Sterling in the same situation we prevailed on John Hawes to take passage in the 11^th Mo to Havre with the sales view to see that property safely deposited in London — and it was not until the first month

of this year that I had any information of its being remitted from France, Hamburgh, but my friends at Havre wrote in such a manner that I suppos'd my former orders would have been observed & the money placed in London – however I wrote by many conveyances directing the immediate remittance, but thro' the then common fate of letters in passing thro' the Channel (as I suppose) none of them reached Hamburgh until Hawes had been from London to Hamburgh, & he brought me the very first information of that very money being remitted to London done in the consequence of his letter from London which I did not receive until the last week in the 6th month or the first week in the 7th had my letters to Lubbert & Dumas reached them before the remittance was made they had in those letters my express directions to remit the whole proceeds of the Judiths Invoice to Alex & Benj: Champion, where I meant it should have remain'd for thy directions or those of our mutual friends Brothers DeBaugue – which I supposed equally thy wish – It has since been my intention as soon as I heard of thy sons safe arrival to forward thy several accounts no time shall now be lost in doing it. thy letter is the first information that I have received of it –

If this narrative together with my constant readiness to serve Isaiah in all his business, does not indicate a disposition to render thee every service in my power I must lay under censure until further information but feeling conscious of having done for thee as I would wish to be done by – and being persuaded thou art a reasonable man, I have not the least doubt but thou will acquit me of every charge that is insinuated by thy letter – presuming that the want of information has been the only cause of thy Auspicious – As to the paper Money rec'd for the Oil Hawes could do nothing with it & I have thought hard of my frds at Havre that they have kept it wasting so long – but on the 17th of last month I rec'd an Invoice of Ribbons to the amount of the Judiths past which I hope will prove better than longer delay – As Brothers De Baugue gave me direction relative to drawing for the advances upon all thy Ships I have closed all the Acc't making them principal supposing that was thy wish, & I have Credit them the money received for the Oil Isaiah Sold & have closed their account as specially respecting thy vessel & discounting the balance with Isaiah – besides which I have advanced him self & in the several Ships outfits near or quite the amount of sales of the Judith Oil. which however yet lays in Dickason & Co's hand, the course of exchange being so bad I have not yet drawn a shilling of my own money from all the remittances I have mentioned to thee –

Nt all the Ships bills being collected I cannot tell the exact advances but what are already on Book Amount as follows – Ship Susa 952.19.4 Phebe 251.18.5 Hudson 460.17.10 balance of Isaiah Kipers Acc't exclusive of 2000 Dollars advanced him by direction of Frances Mary and also of the sale of the Hudson & Brothers 551.19.9 Judith 681.11.11 Edward 785.16.5 Benj 620.5.11 Jane 119.5.2½

I shall inclose thee all the Ships Acc't & settlements of their Voyages balances of which are in my favour Viz't

to Peter Roe Dalton 10mo 13. 95

Inland are two Orders on Jo.
Rufell Jun. one from his father for $ 50
from Reuben Clark for -- 60 } 110
which shall be much obliged by thy collecting & pass to
my Debit — with due respect Sam.l &c

To Forbes Munro & Co 10mo 12. 1795

Soon after Capt. West Arrival from New Providence in 1793 I did myself the pleasure of acknowledging by letter not only the receipt of your letter dated 10th Aug.t but also of your very kind attention & assistance to Capt. West in our Sloop Mayflower — for which I felt myself much indebted to you & for which please you will accept my thanks. —

It is many years since our family under the Firm of William Rotch & Sons of Nantucket, of which I was then a partner Shipped to John Baldwin at New Providence Twenty boxes of Spermaceti Candles of which no Sales have yet ~~been~~ been rendered - but we have repeatedly heard from Capt. Swain (who was well noing there to) that the proceeds were ready for our Order — Understanding his widow yet remains in New Providence, I shall be obliged by your presenting the inclosed Order to the person who is now accountable for that debt, which Order you will please to direct as you think proper, and if the proceeds are paid to you please to retain compensation for your trouble & pay the residen to My neighbour Allen Shepherd — who being a young man of respectability amongst us I take the liberty to crave your friendly attention to him — I am &c

To Elisha Brown New Bedford 10mo 15. 1795

Benjamin Allen informs me thou will have some money to send to Nantucket in few days, I want to pay Gibbs & Channing five hundred Dollars if thou will be so kind as to leave that sum with them & take their draft upon me it will oblige Allen & myself & I will pay the draft on sight — I am &c

To Gibbs & Channing 10mo 14. 1795

I duly received your favour of 8th Inst. inclosing my account Current. which I have compared with my books and find nearly to agree - I had credited the Iron in 1793 a £27 - which I suppose

3/4
was the price we agreed upon - I find in 1794 I have Credited you by Shearmen
3/4 Tons by Akin 7 & by Burgess 3 Tons Your letters agree with the two former
parsles, but of the latter I find no account in any of them - you Charge 13
Tons 6 Cr. differing only one hundred. you will please to examine again
to find if you are right - it is possible ys Shipped 6 Cr. by Burgess -

My absence from home much of the last season has prevented my attention
to the Assessments on the Bridge shares. as also to the balance due to you
which exceeded my ideas - I have requested Capt Elisha Brown who
has money to send this way to leave 500 Dollars with you and take your
draft upon me, and William Burroughs writes me he expects a bill
upon you from Lyons on my acct of perhaps £170 - Should this not be
in proper season or if through my neglect you have not been furnished
with candles which it was my original expectation to pay, in proper time.
I shall conform to your minds there upon with respect to the remaining
ballance of you account.

I shall be glad to know your price & terms for 8 or 10 Tons of hemp
& 4 or 5 Tons of Iron - I am much obliged by your offer to become interested
in the Rode Island Bank, but as the time is elapsed for subscribing I
shall suspend the matter for the present - perhaps at the future period I
may incline to become a Stockholder - I am &c

10 mo 17. 1795

Pliny Windor

I take the liberty of inclos Shew & Robeson
Hs bill in my favour on B Benson & Ives dated 9 mo 12.
at 60 d for 2000 Dls which please to have accepted & when
due collect it & place it to the Cr of Thos Harvey Jr.

I am &c

10mo 17.

To J Hussey

I am obliged by thy favr of 17th & am a little disap.d in the price of Hemp - it is too high for me at this time but if thou can find 3 or 4 tons very good to sell at 66 £ I wish to have it Shipd by the Ann I wish thee also to ship me by her 3 tons Old Sable Iron & 1 Ton Sweed part of it in Squar if to be had if not some of the Russia to be small flat at 4 2 a 2½ - if thou can procure me very good White Oak Barrel, I shall like 50 or 100 by the Ship & 20 or 30 but good Rock Salt if 5 or 6£ to be put in some of the barrel

I am obligd by thy paying my drafts the low rate of Exch. will discourage my drawing & I shall as occasion presents draw upon thee for what may be due — I am —

10mo 15. 1795

To P Chavalier

Thy letter of 2d March came to hand some time past. A few days since I received another dated 31st May including an account against Ezekiel Glover, to my knowledge Capt. Coleman has settled Glovers Voyage & paid what was due by virtue of his letter to his brother Capt. Benj.a Glover

As thou desires to gain some information relative to the Ship Eliza, I can give the a particular Account of what has came to my knowledge —

In the fall of 1793 Capt. Coleman applied to me, to render him some assistance to repare his ships Leak & to replace some of his Stores. on his representing his want to be not more than £150 Stg I began the advances but found before he sailed he had drawn near £400 —

On his return he consigned his Cargo (which turned out - T B 210-3-16 Oil & 20309 lbs bone) to me which I sold, he always kept the business of the ship in his own hands, & only called upon me for money & for such articles as he could not procure himself - which I always procured immediately - and was in hops he would get out again early in 8th mo - & leave £500, or more to remit to thee, but being about to leave home about Midsummer and his ship having then dropped down the river only waiting for his hands, I wished to close the Ships Accounts and was greatly surprised to find he had drawn all his money out of my hands, & about one thousand dollars more, and I knew of demands upon for nearly as much more, but as the ship

was now ready for sea, with great reluctance, I consented untill to advance so as to get her out
a few days after my leaving home for an absence of near two months the ship Sprung a leak
upon which he came back to Town & discharged her & did nothing towards repairing the
Ships untill my return, when I advised searching her, & the defect proved to be in the Keel, I
suppose by the injury she rec^d on first arriving from Europe at Nantucket, this was repaired,
but on searching into the state of his affairs - I found to replace all the stores which had been ex-
pended & which he had disposed off & to get the Ship again on a Whaling voyage would require at
least £1000 Lno (about £750 Stg) and being unwilling to take the risk there of where there
was so little aconomy used. I declined going further than £600 - and he not being able to ob-
tain further Credit he has abandoned the Whale Voyage, & given me orders to sell Materials
to pay the ships debts, these will all fetch there Cost or very near it -

It is painful to me to see such waste of property but people who have never learned the
value of money nor ever had the care of business are not safe hands to entrust Money with, thou
may be assured I have done every thing in my power to serve thy interest and have much
regreted thou had not authorized some person to make a settlement on this first arrival
from the Fishery, & to have secured all the property he brought home -

conformee in my own mind of the want of prudence in Cap^n C - I requested Cap^n Isaiah Hussey
to give thee a verbal account of his proceedings & to tell thee from me it was time thy Obligation &
power lodged here that I hope thou will soon have some representatives to see to it - I am
now clear the ship will never get to sea again in his hands, as I do not apprehend he will
when all his debts are paid have sufficient to man her & to get her upon any Voyage - and
as soon as I can close the sales of the materials & pay the ships debts, I shall wish to have
no further to do in the business - if I can procure a freight to Dunkirk for him I will endea-
vour to get her there - but it is not very likely - her upper works do not seem sufficient to take
on board any perishable cargo - I am &c /

To Homberg & Homberg frers 10mo 16 1795

Since I wrote you by Cap^n Hawes last fall. I have been
mostly abroad during which time many of your letters have come to hand, the most material
information they contain I shall endeavour particularly to reply to. & for the general attention
you have shewn thereby in other information. I feel myself much obliged -

At the time we engaged Cap^n Hawes to take the charge of our business much time
had elapsed without our gaining any information upon the payment long expected upon the
two Cargoes of Barclay & Mary, & knowing the very special difficulties that prevails

in France we conceived it hardly safe to entrust our property in the hand of a citizen of the Republic. who without cause might be deprived of his liberty & perhaps of his life — It was not from any distrust of your personal Characters but from the complexion of that day - a day which happily is no more - How far Hawes may have served our interest is uncertain to us, but we have every confidence in him & he assures us that altho the Sales of the Oil we conceive to have been very improper also remarkable a season as from the extremity of the winter business was much discouraged, yet that it was your constant opinion expressed to him that no better price could be obtained - it fell far short of meeting what the present prices are with us - and it has proved quite a discouragement to our making any further speculations at present. — I very much regret your having sold the bone by the Union for Assignats expressly against my instructed how far better would it have been to have laid in store even seven years than to have sold it without a prospect of laying out the money which there could be now as you could not appropriate what had already lain long in your hands — Capt Hawes had my particular instructions, to call for all the paper money in your hands of mine, and it was a little Mortification to me that while he was under my pay, he could not have saved me some loss since while he was at Havre 19,000 Livres fell from 80 to 130 ℔ Louis — the remaining balance I have lately received in an Invoice of Ribbons, which is better than loosing the whole. & I am very glad you have at last been able to send them out — The sale of the Oil by the Union I was well satisfied with expecting it was sold for Sterling bills, but the loss on the specie carried over was between 9 & 10 ℔ Cent. which was not made up by the premium received at Havre - add to this had the payment been immediately made & remitted to London I should have obtained 10 ℔ Cent premium on the Exchange here as also on the sum remitted by the way of Hamburgh instead of which the whole of the remittances lay now in London - as the Exchange is now at 1 ℔ Cent discount - so that in consequence of those delays I have lost upon the Exchange near 700 £ Stg besides the interest of the money which will be upwards of £500 more.

Capt Hawes Charges me with commission paid you for the sale of the Union, I wish when you see Capt Smith you will treat with him thereupon, as I understand from his father that the claims that demand upon me & which is paid him — I comprehended by your letter that the new Sales & repairs of the Union would be paid for by the purchasor - & without that she sold for short of my limits, but I observe her Account is charged —

However I have no doubt you have done the best you could and as it respects that Vessell. I feel contented that she was sold — I have duly entered your several sales & remittances upon my books. & find your Acct Current right except the former balance of Old Acct which suppose I noted to you, it arrises from your Charging me in the Old Acct the amount of Duck SP. 3610.2.9 when the Invoice Amounted only to 3690.9.6 that difference you will please to Credit my Account — Sam'l

10mo 31. 95

To Joseph Hunn

Since I wrote thee I have drawn on order in favour Caleb Greene for £16. 19.1 — I have prefered drawing upon thee in small sums, which though more trouble to thee than to pay in larger sums, yet as the payment thereby may be protracted, I supposed it more convenient, but if no convenience to thee, I would send an Order to the Bank — and as I am just called upon by Col Pope for nearly $ 1500 who wishes to have it in the Bank, I shall send an Order upon thee for that sum at 5 days sight — which hope it will be convenient for thee to pay

Accordg to thy Sales & the State of thy Acc. on my Books on the course of the 11mo I know will be in arrear about $ 2000 — all which of course shall be obliged to draw having many calls upon me & at present but few resources.

If any alteration takes place in the value of London Exchange please to let me know it — If new Sable Iron is in Bars of about 2½ to 2¾ Inches wide I wish thee to send me a Ton by the Franklin

Sam'l

I received your favour of 16 Inst. & note to your observation upon the 100 of hemp which though a small matter doubtless it will be the wish of us all to have it right – and I have nothing to guide me but your letter dated Oct 27. wherein you say "we have sent you by Capt Shearman 3 Tons & 1 quarter of Hemp" – If your mode of weighing was as is common 5 C^t at a draft, your letter doubtless was right. but if not I am content to abide by the Capt's account. – I am obliged by your readiness to serve me relative to the balance remaining to your Credit – I hope you have already received from Capt Brown 500 Dollars altho' no draft has yet appeared from him and I now inclose you an Order upon William Burroughs for 300 Dollars – and only the inconvenience of negociating prevents my remitting the whole – I have some money due in Providence which if you can make convenient to receive I shall be glad. for which I inclose an Order on David Anthony for 400 Dollars 10 Days sight – I am not well pleased with myself that this matter has rested so long it is not what I mean to practice & hope I shall prove myself more punctual in future – I leave you to add what Interest you think proper & inclosing your account. request when you have those several sums to my credit. you will please to balance it by new Account & return it when I will reverse it & forward you –

I am allmost frightened at the price of Hemp, yet finding yours proves of so superior quality think to venture upon 8 or 10 tons. W Burrough wrote me he had your acceptance on my acct. for £182.17.6 pay^d 1^st of 1796. That I shall with you to continue on the acct. & should you have any demand for Candles shall be glad to supply you if not will endeavour to make payment in time –

To Brother De Bauque 10 mo 12. 1795 Jan^y

I duly received your favour dated 14^th May with Invoice 86 Casks Spermaceti foots which came to hand in very acceptable time, and is apprehend from the Account Sales My Brother Benjamin has sent almost all I my expect to realize from the Brig Marys Oil – I must regret that money has lain so long in a depreciating state, but unless you have appropriated it I fear by the report we have

it has come almost to nothing, however it may be I wish you would do with it as if your own & there with I shall be content — I last week rec'd yours letter of Augt 3 in reply to which I have to say, that on consulting Capt Frances Macy & David Swain, & on receiving a letter from Capt Shubael Coffin authorising me to act with the Ship Brothers & Cargo as if my own I thought it best for the owners Interest to Ship the Oil by the swan and to sell the Ship for £1333. 6. 8 to Starke Coffin & Isaiah Hussey payable when called for with interest — Subject however to alteration if before She was employed any counter orders should arrive Capt Shubael Coffin, has approved the Sale & the Oil creating in London Stg £752. 2 — I have given him Invoice & Acct Sales Copy of which shall send you — and I have given him a bill for the amount — I have much regretted that your interest by laying unemployed & in creating expence, but you may rest assured it has been constantly my wish to render you every service in my power & save every expence I could

I now inclose you Acct Sales of the Ship Brothers Materials & Stores — with her Acct of disbursments & Acct Current by which appeares a balance in her favour of £ which I shall account with Capt Coffin for — I also inclose you Acct Current relative to the three Ships Judith's Edward & Benj^a — having your principal therein inconsequence of your letter of advice relative to them — the bill Drawn for the Edward & Brothers were protested, but having had them taken up in London I saved the damages, & have only charged the difference in the Exchange when I paid them & when I sold them — All which I hope will meet your approbation — the Acct of the three Ships I have inclosed to Benj^a Hussey, Copy of which shall send to you by the next Conveyance —

I shall be pleased to hear from you the state of your Markets for american produce the Brother Boone remains in the stove — I am &c —

To David Anthony

10mo 30. 1795

As I apprehend thou art in Cash for my account I have had occations to draw upon thee for 450 Dollars at 10 days sight — in favour of Gibbs & Channing which if thou art I wish to pay — I shall be glad thou would bear in mind that I depend upon thee for 2 or 3 firkins of best butter, and also wish the to procure me for my own use 4 barrels best late made Cyder, & send when ready — Geo Arnold will probably send to thy care 2 firkins of butter which thou will please to pay for — as also John Greene for about 100 or 200 lb Cheese when he sends it — please to send me by Master 6 Casks

good Lime — & please to inform me the price of Common Cyder —

I shall be much obliged by thy enquireing of the Cashier of your Bank if the bill sent him for 2000 Dollars is accepted, and the probability of its being discounted after 30 Days sight has expired — I am &c —

To Peter Roe Dalton,

10 mo 31. 1795

Inclosed is my draft upon Joseph Hussey for fifteen hundred Dollars at 5 Days sight which I shall be obliged by thy receiving & placing to my Credit — I am &c

PS I also add an Order on John Hashews Junr for Ninety One Dollars & thirty seven Cents, which please to collect & pay to my Credit — I am &c —

To Leonard Jarvis

11 mo 2. 1795

From my fathers information I supposed it would be agreeable to thee to pay me the £360 — proposed as a settlement of my Uncle Frances Rotch Note from thee — My uncle supposing it to be done from the information I gave him, has drawn upon me for the amount, I shall be pleased with thy liverty to draw upon thee for that sum — Whatever Interest thou may allow we can settle settle when I see thee — Having some demands to answer at the Bank, it will very much oblige me if I can draw upon thee next week — thy answer here to will oblige thy friend — I am &c

To Samuel Enderby & Sons

11 mo 9. 1795

I duly received your obliging favours dated July 9th & August 15 — to which I have paid particular attention, and to your former request I should have been more attentive as to keeping your advised of the state of your market, but that since this time twelve month we have not had 20 Tons of Spermaceti Oil brought into our port until very lately our Ships having been mostly upon the right whale Fishery and it being otherwise at Nantucket I conduded our house there would give you every information — previous to my receiving your extended limits to £32 Stg & £34 — the Sales at the Island had been none under £50 — & some higher even to £55 Lmo

We have lately purchased a small parcel from the West Indies at £52 — Since which some has been sold at Nantucket for £50 — On the 7th inst our Ship Barclay arrived from Delago Bay with about 90 Tons Sperm & 125 Tons whale Oil — and of three other Ships soon expected from that country only 50 Tons Spermaceti is reported — which is all we have to look for 10 months to come — Your last letter of Oct 15th having extended your limits to £36 Stg I am not without some expectations if we can command the Sperm Oil that is expected at £38 that I shall be able to Ship you 80 or 90 Tons at £48 — clear from

20
sediment 40/. ℔ Ton being the customary rate of exchanging with us —

A small Brig (the Mary Cap Bennett) of this port is now loading for London having most of her freight engaged from Nantucket myself & brothers sens only 20 or 30 Tons —

You may be assured that I shall constantly have your interest in view & shall never advance the price of any article to the extent of your Orders if it be possible to procure it under them, and I flatter my self no one in this town has it more in their power to serve you than my self — In refering to my letter of 5th of 11mo - quoted in your postscript of 10 July. I observe, you had from that reason to expect I had absolutely engauged a considerable quantity of Linseed — the fact was otherwise, I had not neither did I for the season contract for a single bushel, when I wrote that letter I was less cautious than I ought to have been, as I did expect to be able to procure it, but having opportunity of contracting for only a small part at your limits, I kept it in reserve until I found if I could procure a quantity that would make it worth while to ship to you which proving impracticable I decided in the negative —

I note your observation upon the admission of Rape Seed we have none growing in our country at least in this neighbourhood neither do I know of any in New England —

The low course of Exchange on London subjects both you & myself to inconvenience & loss (having myself considerable deposits there) I have not been able to sell a sterling bill above par for money Months - & they have been sold at 2½ ℘ Cent discount — and at par I must give a Credit of 6 weeks but this I can remidy as I can obtain perhaps most of that credit upon the Oil —

As I shall soon have occation to write you by the Mary — I am &c —

To Joseph Hussey 11mo 10. 1795

I note thee very hastily yesterday by post which I crave thy reference, above is Invoice of Bone Ship'd ℘ Cap. Howland, which hope thou will be able to sell at 9d - at which price I hear E Sigourney lately sold a large quantity — but if thou can sell at 12 Cents I wish the sale to be soon closed as I cant settle the Ships Voyage before it be sold — by Howland who is to sail on the 12th thou will have 150 or 200 boxes Candles — I am &c

To Samuel Philips Esqr 11mo 7. 1795

I now inclose thee two sales of the paper consigned to me amounting to £ 10. 18 & £ 6. 6. 11 - £ 17. 6. 11 for which with a little balance due the before I inclose thee my Check on the Bank for $58. 93 Cents. — The only fault found with thy paper is by being too thick - the first thou sent me was more approved than any since If thou should inclose to ship more I advise it being made thinner

I am &c

To Brown Benson & Ives 11mo 10. 1795

Since the receipt of yours of 3d instant our Ship Barclay has arrived with about 1000 barrels Whale Oil — part of which I expect to Ship Europe & a part will be for sale none other is now at market — since I wrote you on the 31st ult in consequence of increased demand we hear Oil is kept at Nantucket for £30 ₩ Ton at which price I sold 20 or 30 Tons yesterday payable in Cash at 30 Days — I do not expect I can make it convenient to furnish you with 30 or 40 Tons on so long a Credit — and as the price is so much advanced I shall not hold it unless I hear again from you — another Ship is daily expected, but from the situation of the owners I know they will want to receive money from their Cargo —

If I can serve you herein I shall do it with pleasure — I am &c —

Andrew Ritchie & Son 11mo 10. 1795

I shall be obliged by your information if you are in want of £500 Stg or £1000 Stg London Exchange and at what rate you will take my bills answering my drafts at sight as I may have occation to draw wither 6 weeks — the bills will not be confined to the old house — I am &c —

To Benjamin Lincoln Esqr 11. mo 11. 1795

By directions of the Commissioners of the Revenue I have sent to thy address two Casks Strained Spermaceti Oil Shipped by the Ship Mercury Capt. Gideon Howland Junr. Marked ✕ No. 10 31 Gallons
No. 18 — 69 100 Gallons which I hope will reach the in safety —

I am &c —

To Thomas Dickason Junr 11mo 10. 1795

I am pleased to hear of thy safe arrival with thy family again in this Country, where I hope you will all enjoy all the happiness a peaceful Land can afford — which at present I think is far preferable to the unsettled state of Europe —

I am disapointed in not having a line from your house by the Fall Ships, being desirous to know the result of the Admiralty business with the Navy by my last letter her case was referred to the Arbitrating Merchants, if thou can give me any information thereof I shall be glad —

The low course of Exchange has hitherto prevented my drawing any bills upon the House except one in favour of Shubael Coffin 2 for £752 — that I have remaining about £5000 Stg — in your hands, being much engaged at this time by the arrival of the Barclay Capt. Swain I cannot be in Boston for a few weeks to come & being in want of some knowledge which I doubt not thou will chearfully give me I take the liberty to trouble thee thereon — I have been desirous of employing the funds I have in Europe in a manner more profitable than by selling bills on London at par — and shall be much obliged by thy

opinion relative to the Russia Business, if thou thinkes Rusia Goods will be as high next winter & Spring as they have been the last season, and also whether Exchange on London will be as low as it has also been the past summer which I hear has been 10 p Cent against London — Should a peace take place I doubt such a plan being profitable & I should stipulate the business in London Conditional - I am also destitute of a Correspondent — Brothers Blandow have been recommended - but I shall be pleased with thy recommendation of a Suitable house —

I shall have at command 8 or £9000 Stg that I can invest in the cargo, which I conceive would do well for a Ship of 200 Tons — the Ship I should wish taken up in London or some other part of England - to go as early as the season will admit into the Baltick where I should calculate to have the Cargo ready to Load, that she might be here one of the first Ships — Any advice or information thou can give me upon this subject will greatly oblige thy respectful & wellwishing friend — I am &c —

pleas also to give me thy opinion relative to the rise of Exchange, & the probability of a Newtral Ship finding any freight to Russia from England

To Thomas Dickason & Co. 11mo 7. 1795

Since ~~my~~ your of last of 7mo 6. I have received your esteemed favours of 6th & 28th may the former advising the Sale of the Ipesie delivered by Capt. Hawes, Net p/s of my proportion of which £2425.13.6 I have placed to your Debit In the Sale thereof I doubt not you did the best that could be done, but the loss thereupon is very great, unfortunate indeed it was that Hawes did not send it America in Crowns —

I am pleased to find you have at length received the remittance from Lubbert & Dumas for which I have also charged you £5366.6.9 — I have from your information, confirmed by my uncle T. Roth Credited you £1600 paid him & also £400 more as p his advice he had further received of you in his letters of 16 of 7mo — I am glad to find you enjoy the some good opinion with myself of Capt. Hawes, so far as he has experience, I have found him very Capable & very prudent — I am ~~glad to find~~ have been hoping by the fall Ships to hear how the event of the Mawys affairs turned out, which per haps I shall find by Cunningham, who had not arrived last post — I am very sorry I have not been able to imploy the money in your hands but the decline of Exchange has hither to discouraged my drawing and I have not seen much warr for appropriating money without taking more hazard upon myself than I wish until more regularity is established — and to this time I have only drawn in favour of Shubael Coffin 2d a bill for £782.2 which I shall be obliged

by your paying — Nor do I see much probability drawing very soon as bills are below par —

The rise of Spermaceti Oil preventing my Shiping you any last Spring, and it proves that I did better with what I had on board than the London Market would have done — but hearing it has with you advanced to £72. & I think a good prospect of its rising higher this winter has determined me to Ship 30 or 40 Tons by the Mary Capt Bennett just beginning her loading - which hope you will be able to do well with it has advanced here to £50 Sperm — and whale Oil to £30 — I am fortunate in having the Barclay Capt Swain arrived the Day from East of Cape of Good Hope with 90 Tons Spermaceti & 125 Tons whale Oil — which from the present high prices with us makes a very profitable Voyage —

Most of this Spermaceti Oil I expect will go by order to your market, but move of it by Bennett — I wish you to send me by the first conveyance to Boston or this place five Tons Iron hoops of the kind usually sent us — I hope to write you again in a few days by Bennett — I am &c —

11 mo 14. 1795

To Joseph Anthony & Son

Your esteemed favour of 26 ult was handed me by Capt Barker and in consequence of your encouragement we have sett your Press to work and as Bunker could only take a few Casks, we have sent 14 Casks of very best Straind Oil, unless we are deceived by the warmth of the season, which often which often disappoints us & we then suffer much loss by pressing in addition to the thickness of the Oil —

I am sorry I have no candles on hands to send you at this as it may be the last for the season WRS ent you all they have made say 66 boxes as p. inclosed Invoice & Bill Lading — I have rec.d the 2 barrels Flour and am obyed by your care therein and request you will send me ½ barrel of best Crackers —

I wish you also to send me 2 Tons Iron hoops by Bunkers return, these I wish not to fail — The high price of Flour & Bread at your Port has induced us to send to Alexandria for our present Supply and have availed my self of the funds in your hands by drawing upon you on the 9.th Inst. in favours of Thomas Hazard Junr. for 400 Dollars & 2 other drafts in favours of Jirah Kempton one for 500 & one for 600 Dollars at 5 Days Sight — which bill I shall be obliged by your honouring when thy appear — I am &c

11 mo 14. 1795

To Mark Coffin

I duly rec.d time, and think its probable should the Ship Fox arrive myself and Brothers will make up from 30 to 50 Tons freight for the America — but being in treaty for nearly all our Ship has brought in, cannot yet determin the quantity, as soon as we can fix will let thee know in mean time would not wish thee to omit any offer of freight — I am &c

11 mo 16. 95

To Samuel Enderby & Sons

Since I wrote you on the 9th so many people are in quest of Sperm: Oil that I am more doubtful than I then was of commanding one at your limits — thy other Ship is not yet arrived Yours is not discharged, but you may be assured I shall seek all I can to serve your interest and a small matter shall not cost me take my own out of your Orders — I write this in hope of going in the Galen by whom I suppose my last also goes — I am &c

11 mo 16. 95

To John C Jones

After much tidious delay from unavoidable circumstances the Ship Mercury has left this Port on the 13th inst & from the course of the wind withus I judge she must be in the Sound still — I have not been able to collect all her bills but hope to accomplish her acc: by the midwick mail when I shall immediately forward them — I do not yet ascertain their amount but they will greatly exceed my expectation. & I doubt not it will them — it is very expensive doing this kind of business. & she was in very poor condition, but is now a very good Ship — and I can assure thee every thing has been done upon as prudent terms as if it my own — I think the acc: will not differ much from £600 — I am &c

11 mo 16. 95

To Joseph Hussey

Thine of the 16th Inst. I am sorry by thy information — the Mercury has sailed on 13th & by her I have sent three one Hundred boxes Sp: Candles & 11 R I sent also 100 — the Bans hope I shall will be able to sell — I have so many applications for Oil that I differ fixing the terms until I shall be in Boston where I hope to be in course of this week

and shall then see thee on the subjekt — I shall try to accommodate respecting the draft — when the person will apply I know not — We bot afore of Ail of Davis at West Port & agreed to pay him 1000 Dollars in Boston the reserve was for him & its probable he will be along soon — I wish thee to increase the Quantity of Russ Ducks to 30 pc. & let it be of the best Quality — Sam[l]

11mo 25. 95

To John Jones

Have collected all the Memorys Bill that I have knowledge of — I have closed his Acc[t] & it still rises beyond my expectation, but hope when thou sees him it will prove to satisfaction — As the amo[t] has far exceeded my Ideas, I think being a business I never expected to do much at, I have only charged 2½ p[r] Cent upon him — She has left him an Old Iron Caboose only fit for scrap Iron & a panel of his old Plank, p[r]. of Spars &c the whole not worth 10 Dollars, which I thought not worth selling at Auction, nor in fact making any Acc[t] of —

I shall have occasion to draw upon thee next week & if more convenient at 10 Days sight it may equally serve me — Sam[l]

To Thomas Arnold 12mo 1. 1795

Inclosed is Bill 30 Casks of whale Oil which I have Shipd by Sandford, amo[t] to $ 534.74 Amo[t] of which thou will please to Credit me in good hemp reserving payment for the Keg of Tongues — please also to deliver him the 5 tons of hemp agreed for with as much dispatch as possible — Sam[l] &c

To David Anthony 12 mo 2. 1795

By Mosher I received thy letter with the articles thou sent which all came out right — the bearer Cap[t] Sandford will have boxes Candles for W[m] Rotch & Sons which is all we have now ready for market. — I hope soon to send thee some on my own Acc[t] at sandfords return I wish thee to send me the articles at foot —

please to say at what price thou can sell a few Casks of Straind Oil at — Jane
over for addition to wt: first Ord'd 20 bbls Onions 12 Cyder & 6 Linn
12 mo 1. 1795 to

To Gibbs & Channing — I duly received your favour of 27th ult and hope a Vessell belonging to John Akin of Dartmouth now bound to Providence will call for the Hemp, and the beaver Capt: Sandford being also bound there to take a few tons of hemp will if not full call for a part to either of whom please to deliver it — By Sanford I have sent you 14 Casks of Oil & 6 boxes Candles amounting as p bill inclosed $ 298.11 — £30 is the lowest price for Oil both here & at Nantucket, at which price I have sold most of our Ships for —

If in my power it will give me pleasure to assist you to flaxseed, but I believe most or all that is raised for this market will go to you from your former connections in that trade. I have bought none myself — and I conclude it is mostly collected — I see no prospect probability of helping you to any freight for your new Ship — Several good Ships 3 or 4 are soon going to the westward to seek freight

Jane &c —

To Absp & Hocks — 11 mo 25. 1795

Capt: Shubael Coffin 2d late of Dunkirk now at Nantucket has requested me to forward to you a power of attorney with my subscription of your I & H with request that you would have transfered on the Comonwealth books into his Name, the two inclosed Certificates of three per Cent Stocks — Viz: No: 2248 for $ 2000 — No: 2249 $ 2666 — 66/100 and he proposes sending his power to receive the part & future interest As Capt: Coffin is sometimes in the Commersial line I took the liberty of naiming your house with a hope you may at a future time derive some advantage from his confidence — he is part owner of the Ship Ann which J P S loaded last winter & is brother to Thaddeus Coffin who then commanded her — I am &c —

To Edmund Prior — 12 mo 2. 1795

To accommodate Joseph Ricketson I some time since say 10 mo 19. gave him two orders on the for $ 249 13/100 which I found were to be centered in thy hands, otherwise I should not have drawn at that time — I am not yet acquainted with the exact state of my Acct with thee, hope when the hurry of thy business is a little over thou will be able to close it —

My youngman thinks thou have received all the Sales of thy provitions

except the inclosed of 36 barrels Pork & 10 barrels Beef — Net Pds to thy 327
Credit £178.2.2 — I shall be pleased to hear from thee relative to the state of
your Market if thou hast sold all my Candles & what is thy further prospect —
they sell in this neighbourhood at 50 Cents — & from the present price of lead Mates
cannot be afforded at that — during my absence last spring a young Man Thaddeus
Mayhew of this town went to New York to seek busines, had I been at home my friendship
for him would have enduced me to render him such assistance as may recommendation
would afford — I have a letter from him mentioning his residence with Andrew Van
Tuyl and I doubt not his merit will be sufficient recommendation of him to render
him any service & finds by his conduct that he merits thy confidence I shall feel oblig-
-ged by thy assistance to him — My dear & I am &c

12mo 4. 1795

To Joseph Anthony & Son — Last evevening I rec.d your obliging favour by Bun-
-ker with Invoice of hoops & Crackers & sales of the Oil, which is fully to my satisfaction.
I hope I shall find a conveyance for a few more casks of Oil —
Capt. Cornelius Grennell Master of the Ship Bedford of this Port being bound
to New York to seek a freight if he should not succeed will probably want to
load his ship with lumber, in which case I have given him liberty to draw upon
you for a few thousand Dollars on my account, should he draw you will oblige
me by paying his drafts & informing me thereof — One of the drafts in favour
of Rempton via Alexandria was for the Orders Wm Rotch & Sons who inform me
they will request your paying 600 Dollars to my Credit — I am &c —

12mo 3. 1795

To Cutler & Armory — I have this day received your letter of the 1st instant
and in answer thereto may say I have disposed of most of my Spermaceti Oil
that will be fitt for market this season and doubt wheather I have more than
15 Tons unsold, that is good & I will furnish you with it at £55 ₱ Ton which is
the price I have sold all our Cargo at except about that quantity, my terms of pay-
ments have been uniformly half Cask & the other half on 120 days with interest —
delivered here this I will hold until the next Post — there is a Sloop now here
bound to Boston that will take it immediately on board perhaps this day week
if you order it (as it will be all ready) & will depart immediately wind & weather
permitting — I have engauging her to wait that time, as it is not probable another
conveyance will soon occur — I am &c

12 mo 3. 1795

To George Folger Junr

I shall be obliged by thy presenting the inclosed bill of Exchange Barnabas Shaw on Josiah Barker Junr at 2 Days sight for acceptance & place the Collection to my Credit please to send me a Bank Book with a few Checks after the money is received I am &c

12 mo 3. 1795

To Peter Roe Dalton

I crave thy attention in gaining acceptance & payment of the two following bills of Exchange & placing the same to my Credit

Barnabas Shaw 2 bills on Russell & Soley dated 3 Dec 1795 } 30 Days after date with intrest £139. 5. 10
} 120 days after date intrest 6 d. 278. 11. 8. I am &c

12 mo 4. 1795

To Brothers De Bauque

Having rec. from my Brother your Acct of Sales of the Mary & Lydias Cargo of Oil. I find about eighty thousand Livers from these Sales are my property, the whole of the Marys & 3/16 of the Lydias. and feeling regret that so much property should lay in a waisting manner, & from my letter of no appropriations has been made I have confided in my friend Barnabas Shaw of Boston now bound to Havre. to make such appropriations of what may be remaining as he may conceive for my Interest I therefore Crave you will give him liberty to draw upon you for whatever Livers you may hold for my Account from those sources in Assignats. and thereby you will oblige your respectful friend I am &c

12 mo 5. 1795

To Barnabas Shaw

Inclosed is a letter of Credit upon my friends Brothers De Bauque for about 80,000 Livers Tournais in Assignats, which I wish the to draw upon them for provided thou can appropriate it to my advantage, in which I wholly confide in thy judgment, first enjoining upon the note to purchase for my account any prize goods or Ships of any kind any distilled Spirits or Warlike Stores my preferance would be to have a very good French Ship not under 200 Tons nor exceeding 300 Tons burthen in which I should chuse one built for fast Sailing & Copper bottomed or the Ships bottom in building prepaired for Coppering by having Copper bolts Spikes &c in the neighberhood of Nantz they were much in the African trade & their Ships in that business sail well, Havre is noted for building very good Ships, I wish not to have an old worn out Ship, as my object will be for long voyages when the foreign tonnage will not be an object

I leave thee to follow thy own judgment in loading out if she could take a load of Plaister of Paris for Philadelphia it will be prefered & that may be purchased with paper, if that cannot be obtained she may go to St Tubes & load for Boston or if the Ship be almost new and it will be safe by the Certificate those will procure from the American Consul for her to go to Liverpool and there be Coppered up to the light water mark & take a load Salt for Boston, it will be my wish - in which case please consign her to my friends Rathbern & Benson & request them to have the busines done for my Accompt — I apprehend a load of plaister of paris will pay as good a freight as Salt, & thinks best to send her out in balast in that case it will be best for her to come to this port as the Ships coming from Philadelphia to this Port Subjects her to a second foreign tonage, which perhaps will be more than to freight so small a quantity to Philadelphia from this. If thou can procure procure large Old Iron Castings such as condemned Cannon &c for balast it may be worth to me here about 1 Dollar p Ton. small Casting such as broken pots are not worth more than ½ a Dol the Cannon should be broken or they may be considered Contraband goods - this is easily done by cutting in a small distance like a saw kerf & with a wedge so blunt as not to reach the botton of the kerf a little driving will brake them off - but doubtless this can be easily done in France — By the America Capt Swain thou will have Invoice & bill Lading of about 5 Tons Spermaceti & 10 Tons of whale Oil which may prove an assistant in helping off the livers & purchasing the Ship —

Should thou find it impracticable to purchas a Ship (which will be a great accommodation to me) Ithen leave thee at liberty to appropriate both the Assignats & proceeds of the Oil in such speculations as thou may think best for one year or until thou hears from me thereupon, or thy return to this country upon the terms thou proposes of half the profits & bearing half the Loss — only Enrich a strict attention to the caution given in the first part of my letter — I am &c

To Thomas Dickason & Co

12. mo 8. 1795

Since the foregoing I have received your obliging favour dated 28th Augt inclosing the Brig Marys Account, which I am glad to find terminated. altho considerable requird from Capt Carves expectation. however I am well satisfied. not doubting every thing was done on your part that could benefit my interest, to this troublesom business, and expect to have found a commission charged in the account, as I presumed the admiralty made no allowance for your Agency, but as I note by the Acct that was also paid. it more agreable, however and feel much obliged to you for your kind attention to this

had that been inadequate, I should willingly have added thereto — In the former state-
-ment you sent me I think was £40 paid the Proctor, by that not appearing in the state-
-ment. I hope that was also paid — I have also yours of 11th Sept by which I find my
brother has drawn 1400 pounds on my Acct which is fully satisfactory to me, the 600 or
£700 - will also be so should he draw it. — Altho the price of £65 you quote for
Spermaceti Oil, is lower than I expect, yet as the season was not then fully come for
the best sale I have little doubt it will advance so as to save us from loss altho it is
advanced with us to £55 & £60 - Sno —

By the Mary Capt Taber you will receive Casks of pure white
Spermaceti Oil, on my account as p Invoice & Bill Lading inclosed — the
quantity of this I have particularly attended to, and am clear there is not
the least mixture of Whale Oil none having been obtained in the Vessel that
brought it, which I mention, as sometimes disputes arise with the purcha-
-er under prudence of Mixtures — Should the price advance so as to make
us a saving upon the Invoice I wish it sold, but if it should be under £70
I leave You at liberty to send it in some Vessell to Havre or Dunkirk where
by the last accounts it was £52 p ℔ and I shall consult with the other ship-
-pers who I expect will give you the same liberty See page 332

12 mo 10. 1795

To Frances Macy — Not knowing where to meet thee with
a letter has prevented my giving thee and Account of thy property — thine of
the 4th was handed me this Day to which I duly attend — according to thy di-
-rection I furnish Josiah Hussey with two thousand Dollars and last
winter that thou might have some use for thy money, I let Brown Benson
& Ives of Providence have 4,000 Dollars on interest payable on demand at Provi-
-dence Bank with the assurance of one of the Bank directors that the money
should be advanced at Bank whenever wanted, there note I will endorse
thee & send thee if thou chuses, the remainder is still in J Anthony & Son hands to
my Credit, but to them I gave a letter of Credit to Cornelius Grinell last week
in case he should not find a freight for his Ship at New York to purchase a Cargo

of Sumber in that case I am to receive the money here, but I can accommodate thee with what thou may want on short notice — Inclosed is Barnabas Shaw Bill of Exchange for £139. 5. 10 which please to receive & place to my Cred. it — Shall forward thy Accounts after the Quarterly Meeting — I have Mark Coffin & Isaiah Hussey note for the Alexander, please to consult Mark on their convenience for paying the Order to J Barker —

To Cutler & Amory 12mo 12 1795

I duly rec^d your favr of the 8th Inst with send you bill of 69 white Spanm. Oil Ship'd on board Sloop Capt M Tinkham on your Acct as p inland Bill Lading Amo^g to £836. 4 — The quality of the Oil I believe equallnts & it is put in Shipping order Acct of each ba ab^t 72 Gall^s is putnpd off & put into a cask marked A-PU — for your accommodation I shall draw for the first payment $1387 33/100 at 10 Days sight in favr of the Cashier of the U S Bank & likewise for $1400 at 120 Days after date with interest which you will please to discharge —

I hope it will reach you in safety & prove to your wishes, the price is high, but I doubts its be lower for 12mo to come, at the same price another person has been waiting over 20 Days for your answer to take it if you did not order it — I am &

To Peter Rae Dalton 12mo 12. 95

I shall be much oblig'd by thy having the inland Orders on Cutler & Amory accepted & when ever they become due collected & placed to my Cr in the Bank — they are one at 10 days sight for $1387. 33
one at 120 days after date with interest 1400 } 1428 —
4mo interest .. 28 }
$2815. 33

I am respectfully &c

332 To Samuel Endeby & Sons
12 mo 11 Confirming the foregoing duplicate of my last respects forwarded you by the Galen, I have chiefly to inform you that I yesterday closed the sales of the Barclay Spermaceti Oil at £55 Stg. racked off from the sediment — it has gone in small parcels from five to 15 Tons some for France & I conclude a part for England but I know not what part as it is ordered to Boston but this is only 15 Tons of it, the remainder goes to South Carolina — It is more than I had reason to expect on the Ships Arrival but it has even been sold at £60 — and our own Market is not yet supplied. The high price of Tallow increases the use of this article very much. The Columbia daily expected has about 50 Tons, the advanced state of the seasons, may deprive them of a Market before Spring in which case, I shall use my endeavours to procure that for you, but if purchased it is not likely our river will keep free from Ice late enough to get it out, in which case it must rest until Spring, but you may be assured nothing on my part shall be omitted to render you service therein — I am &c

12 mo 8. 1795

To Thomas Dickason & Co. Since writing the foregoing I have consulted Jethro Mitchel & Sons & Wm Rotch & Sons & they authorize me to say that with respect to sending Oil to France they leave you entirely at liberty to direct as you may think best — it is my opinion Dunkirk will be a more certain market than Havre, much whale Oil being gone to the latter, but you may be better informed, in case of going to France I prefer the proceeds coming out in Crowns & by no means sent to London in Specie, all which I refer to your attention and submit to your judgment — I am &c — 12 mo 15

Having closed my letter to you by this conveyance have to request your Shipping me the following Copper, for a Ship to be Launched next spring of 380 Tons. Should Capt. Taber be returning early to this Port I shall wish to have it sent by him with Iron hoops, but if not by the first Ship to Boston — for all which hoops included I wish you to pay Cash if proper discount can be obtained —

320 Hard roll'd Sheathing plates 28 ounces
150 Do. Do. 26 oz
40 wide Sheathing plates 22 oz
6 C 1½ Inch Sheathing Nails
2 C 2 Inch Do.

Benjamin Cummings brought me $30 Doll this day which he wished an Order for in Boston, apprehending it would be agreeable as he wished to pay it to thee, to receive it on thy own Account or at least so much of it as is due to me. I have Inclosed the an Order on him for $ 855.56 the balance of the Bill of Exchange sold him on my check for $ 74.44 amounting to $930- Should this negotiation prove not convenient to thee nor quite agreeable I will remit it to thee in some other channell- B Cummings Town Cummings desires his note may be sent to me & if any Interest is due he will settle it with thee with some other little matters he says remaining unsettled - Jam s

Balance of bill Exchange $ 2222.22
drawing for - W Davis $ 500

Briant & Hart	533.33
Nathan Toby	333.33
Andrew Ritchie	855.56
	$ 2222.22

To Peter Roe Dotton 12 mo 15. 1795

I shall be obliged by thy receiving the amount of the foregoing Orders & placing the same on Leonard Jarvis 10 Ds - $ 1200
John C Jones 5 Ds sept 1877.22 } Jam s

To William Moers 12 mo 16. 1795

Lewis Swain brought me last year some money which he said thou sent by George Whipply which was. 1 Double Louis - 38 Louis & 3 Eng Guinea amount to £55.13.8½ Sno. which I placed to thy Credit - and Benj: Howland has since paid for thy Account £4.18 - Sno which is also to thy Cr before these payments were made. I had settled the business thou left in my care. which left a balance due to me (after Crediting Benj: Order upon me which thou paid I had the profit of the head matter thou purchased which came out in the Mary) of £14.1.11½ of Course there is a balance due to thee of £46.9.9 -

Much the Lydia arrived Barnabas Smith wished to go to School (as she was, like to lay by for the proper season for a whal Voyage I gave him liberty & put him to board at his mothers under the care of his Uncle Abraham he has since sailed in a New Ship the Commerce boat Steerer (I think) belonging to my 2 brothers JR & T Hazard Jr Austin &c. William Handay Master to the

Brazil Cost – what expences I have been at I suppose will be settled by his wages in the Lydia – Thou has daubtless heared Obed Fitch Commander the Lydia & sailed about the 10th of 8mo for east of Cape of Good hope –

Cousin Frances Macy (now here) mentioned to me he ha often heard thee say thou wished to sell thy part for the Lydia, as I have a small interest in that Ship & the probability is that she will remain to whale from this Country & I have no interest in Ships except in her & the Barclay, it will suit me very well to buy thy quarter provided thou wishes to sell her, as to the price thou can judge of her Value as well as my myself – Brother Rodman & myself talked of buying & selling while she lay here & agreed upon her being worth 8000 Dollars, but considering thou art not here I will propose to take her at £1500 Stg for thy quarter with every thing belonging to her paying all expences upon her since her cargo of Salt was discharged, which price I conceive to be her utmost value – but as I do not want her under her value if thou really thinks she is worth more & my brother Benjamin thinks so also I will leave it to him to fix the price with thee – Benj^a has command of my funds in England, & has my request to pay thee provided thou concludes to sell, but I have not said any thing to him about the offer I make thee, I wish therefore thou would as soon conclude to sell, inform both him & me, that I may make some insurance upon her, & draw upon him for the Money – do also for the balance I owe thee if thou wants it in England. A letter by way of Havre will seldom fail of a passage to this country, and whether thou sells or not please give me early information to govern me respecing my drafts upon London, dont fail sending a duplicate as letters are often lost.

Thy daughter Anna has been long ill of a fever at the widow Sarah Barker, but is now slowly recovering – I shall be pleased to see thee again in this country, but at present believe thou can employ thy money in Europe to better advantage than here, almost every thing is enormously high in America, & still advancing –

I am &c

12mo 23. 1795

To David Swain

Being apprehensive from the lateness of the season that thou will not have a prospect of sufficient time to cruize for Sperm acetie if thou goes round the C. of good hope and the probability being also that at all event thou may not be able to reach home until the Spring of 1797 the time of thy absence will in all likelihood be within 2 or 3 months of the time that a Voyage may be performed round Cape Horn it is therefore our desire that on thy crossing the Line if thou does not se a good prospect for 60 or 70 Tons of Sperm -acetie Oil that thou would by all means go round the West Cape, and in case of ecsity from thy being long at sea thou can stop & recruit on the return at Rio Janara, or if necesary in the pacific Ocean thou must use thy judgment respecting the port thou goes into, as we do not apprehend any danger provided there is no improper conduct, giving occasion therefore—

Write us by every conveyance, Wishing health & prosperity to all the Family of the Barclay

I am
W R J R

12mo 26. 1795

To P & D Allen

Thy obliging Letter of 22d Inst. I rec'd. & note L J. delivering & keeping the bill, I drew it upon his liberty two mails have passed & he has not written me but doubtless he will render his reason —

I again trouble thee with several bills for collection as at foot. for thy attention thereto I shall be greatly oblig'd

I am

12mo 24. Isaac Austin & Parson Blewer 5 days after dat $ 131.98
21 do — on do 5 days — 616.73
do — do — do 2 mo after date on Ireland — 966.73
do — do — do 6 mo after date Int after 3 — 1018.37
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To Homberg & Homberg frers [enclosed B Hussey] 12mo 28. 1795

I have lately found that some part of my conduc
has appeared to my friend Benjamin Hussey of Dunkirk very ambiguous, with respect to
the Shipment of the Invoice B X of Oil bone by the Mary Capt. Hawes, and as I appreh
it is partly owing to your not having followed my request with respect to that property. I
am therefore under the necessity of requesting explanations first to Brothers De Bauque who
may have received some unfavourable impressions upon that transactions, & then I
shall be glad to know your reasons myself — At the time that Invoice went forward
& the time it arrived in Havre it appeared so alarming to trust property that could bea
the appearance of belonging to a resident in France, either on the or in your count
to be demanding any thing but assignats for it that I was obliged to act with the greatest
caution, but at the same time I placed such confidence in you that I believed only a sing
hint sufficient to guide your movements — Under this conviction in my letter dated
12mo 27. 1793 I wrote thus "I have some remittance to make to Brother De Bauq
"& as it is to be done in the Currency of France, I wish you to follow their directions
"therein, and as I do not wish they should suffer by the fluctuation of your medium, leav
"them at liberty to take part of those shipments of Oil to their Account & if they chuse it
"I wish you to follow their directions therein" — This I wrote Intending to entrust to Capt.
Hawes memory which portion or particular Oil & Bone was to be delivered them, but
afterwards fearing in case of capture the interrogatives might be too close for Capt. Hawes
to avoid discovery I chose to keep him ignorant of particulars, & gave both him & Capt.
Swain a private letter in my own hand writing but without signature (with orders
to conceal it at all events in case of capture) which was as follows. "1mo 4. 1794" "please
"request Homberg & Homberg freres at Havre to receive the 291 Casks Oil marked B X
"& 131 Bundles whale bone same mark by the Mary, & follow the directions of Brothers
"De Bauque of Dunkirk with respect thereto." this billet Capt. Hawes assures me he
delivered you with his own hand, and I find Capt. Swain left his with Benj. Hussey at
Dunkirk — and Capt. Isaiah Hussey verbally informs me that in consequence thereof
you were applied to by Brothers De Bauque, but did not comply with the request —
All this caution was taken to give you full reason to believe the Oil & Bone belonged
to them, and I thought was sufficient to warrant you to give it up to them and

I am very sorry it was not done —

My friend Hussey principal proprietor of that property has had reason from your refusal to apprehend that I was privy there to & that some conduct had been contrived between us, that could not be justified, while at the same time I was studying to serve his interest. I have therefore thought it necessary to convey this to him that he may be fully possessed of the circumstances as they occurd and I crave your attention to exculpate me in his view by giving such explanations as you can to Brothers De Bauque, and pleased shall I be if you can render them such reasons as will be satisfactory — I am &c —

Homberg & Homberg freres

12mo 25. 1795

Since my last of which the foregoing is duplicate

Capt. Hawes has expressed his surprize at what you mention relative to the delay of payment of the balance due to him from the purchasers of the swans Cargo. as he rec'd a letter while in London from Morris which he has left with me dated 18th march where he says "finding you were gone I went to see Messrs. Homberg, with whom I soon settled "the Matter, they shewing me the Invoice of the whole Cargo & declaration at the Custom "house" — he before mentions Bonnets noticing a deficiency of 12 or 18 Tons of whale Oil — but also says "it is unlucky I remitted my letter in the hands of Curmer who had "himself the funds in his house, or all this misunderstanding would not have taken "place". from all this I cannot conceive how any delay could take place, I shall be greatly obliged by your attention hereto & to have the debt if possible collected —

To Benjamin Hussey

12mo 28. 1795

Since I forwarded my last of which the foregoing is Copy Thy son Isaiah has handed me thy 2 letters of 8mo 24 and. I only regret thou has not been possessed of the true state of the business at a more early period — after thou hast been made acquainted with my reasons & conduct I fear not to submit the whole matter to thy determination, and doubt not I shall be ready to make thee what compensation thou shall demand — from some conversation with Isaiah I find Homberg was applied to in consequence of my confidential paper relative to the Judiths Oil, certainly I did not believe the trifling objects of a Commission would have enduced them to refuse it — I have never wrote them upon the subject except in the inclosed letter which I wish may be inclosed to them that they may explain their Conduct or acquit me of any secret design — I am &c —

12mo 29. 1795

To Jeffrey & Russell

I duly rec^d your esteemed fav^r of 22^d & am particularly obliged by the attention your J & R has paid to my request relative to the sale of Oil in India, which falling far short of my expectation for Hues information has fully decided my mind against the Speculation. The Barclay sailed on the 25th for Delagoa Bay, but if they have a long passage I hope they will go round Cape Horn —

I have offered your terms for the Columbia Oil & Head Matter, which they decline, they ask £55 & 92£ the Oil they may obtain that price for I apprehend in a little time but I have no expectation of 92 being given for the H. Matter circumstances have a little varied with me since I wrote you last, and I should like to divide the Oil & Head Matter with you at 55 & 90 & no higher, which price I mean to offer them and you may be at your liberty to take half the Oil or not if they agree to sell at that, I shall consider the H. Matter divisible between us — I shall be glad of your early reply & I'm pleased to add the price of Exchange remain yours &c

Dear Brother — 12mo 30. 1795

I wrote the by the Mary Capt: Tabor who sailed a few weeks since. I inclose thee the Epistle from our Yearly Meeting of London, this also covers duplicate of that and triplicate of the Epistle of last year say 1794. as it appears that those I forwarded had not appeared. as they were directed to James Phillips Junr to Boston, I wish thee to enquire of him whether he has never yet received One — In my last I wrote thee respecting purchasing W. Moores quarter of the Lydia, Frances Macy has since informed me he has often heard Moores wish he could sell her. in consequence thereof I have wrote him that I would give him £500 Stg for his quarter with every thing belonging to her as she was at discharging her Cargo of Salt, and stated to him my opinion of that being the extent of her value. but if he surpassed her

worth more I would leave it with thee & him to fix her value, & that as thee has the command of my funds if he agrees sell thou would pay him which I leave wholly to thee

If thou can give me any information relative to the State of George Whipples account please to do it as I have advanced his wife Money while he was gone & I suppose except 100 Crowns thou ordered me to pay his wife after the Greenland Voyage thou paid him all the residue & perhaps advanced something upon the Cape horn Voyage, but I conclude he remains interested in that Oil & Head Matter, if so I have to Cr. him his share of head matter & 10 Tons of foots received by the Lucretia (this day I am ignorant of) - and that he takes the fate of the Assignats remaining in De Bauques hands, I wish to hear from thee relative to this matter before he goes again from him -

I have wrote Thomas Dickason & Co. for Copper for Sheathing a Ship - one brother Hazard is building her for himself & Hazard & Rabenson of Charlestown - I have heard much said of the preference Blan - Iron plates have of Copper for Sheathing, if thou hast ascertained that they are preferable comparing the East - I should prefer it - I wish thy opinion therefore & if easy to come at should like a few sheets on trial -

I am &c.

12m 31.

To Barnabas Shaw

The foregoing is duplicate of my last intended to meet thee at Vineyard but not having a conveyance I forwarded by Capt Rung. Since I wrote thee I received a letter from thee by this information I am obliged & glad that thee at liberty to send the Ship to Portugal for salt. & that will be better than Liverpool, as the harbour kinds of fish will do much better in the Spring for the Fishery -

Thou will please to give the Captain Orders to draw upon T & C. London for his Cargo & thou will please advise them of the probability of such a draft -

I wish thee to endeavour to obtain a settlement that was due I have in Haven for part of Ship, Cargo &c. & since it was left with Hombey to collect & I then wrote them upon the business the same. I do desired them to collect with thee -

1 mo 1. 96

To Tho Dickason & Co

Confirming the foregoing I have to inform you that I have given my frd B Shaw of Boston now gone to France, liberty to appropriate some French Livres I have there in the purchase of a Ship or which he may send her to Spain or Portugal to Load with Salt, & I have desired him to give the Capt Orders to draw upon you for his Cargo, Should he do so I request your paying his draft B Shaw will advise you thereon — I am &c

1 mo 2. 1796

To William Ellery

Having received orders to send some Bill to Jedediah Huntington Collector of the Customs at New London, from the Commissioners of the Revenue, and finding no conveyance direct to that place, I have presumed upon sending it to this, supposing opportunities often present from Newport, it is in 2 Casks by Capt Mosher as per inclosed bill of Lading — Any care in forwarding it will facilitate the view of

To Caxe Esqr — I am &c

1 mo 2. 1796

To John Vickers

I ask thy excuse for having forgotten the cost of the pair of Calico, which had quite slipped my memory — I now inclose thee my Check for balance say $ 8.55/100 which please to place to my Credit — I am

To Peter Roe Dalton

1 mo 2. 1795

Having forwarded three several Orders of which I have gained no intelligence, I take the liberty of repeating them least my letters have not reached thee; if they are accepted shall be pleased to have them entered upon my book sent by Capt S Coffin — & such as are paid may be struck — I crave thy excuse in so often troubling thee, & hope when I need the common

bound of thy indulgence thou will aquaint me thereof. as I wish not to put thee to more trouble than the common custom at the Bank will warant

I am very respectfully

To Jireah Kempton 1mo 6. 1796

Thou has Invoice of 4 Casks Cheese which desire thee to sell for my Account. I have also given thee a bill of Exchange upon Jo. Anthony & Son for $400 One hundred & 50 Dollars on my own account for valeu received of thee & two hundred & fifty Dollars on my own Account which with the proceeds of the Cheese I wish thee to lay out in Flour & Corn & bring for me —

Please to enquire the Character of the Virginia Pig Iron & if there any of a softer kind than those on the Pautomock, and also at what rate I can be supplied with 100 tons or more in a year & what period of Credit they will give if any — thy particular attention to this matter is desired & if thou can bring a ton or two for a sam-ple I shall be glad —

If thou should be shut in the River by Ice & Flour should considerable fall, & the prospect continue of the price much advancing when the spring opens. I wish thee to draw upon Jo. Anthony & Sons at 10 Days sight 600 Doll & lay out in good fine Flour take care to engage it if in Store to lay free of Expence until thou goes in the Spring, if not in store it on as low expence as thou can — I am &c —

1mo 1. 1796

To Enoch Coxe Esq.

I duly rec'd thine of 15th & the Oil being still in my hands & no conveyance presenting to New London I have presumed upon sending to Newport to Wm Ellery Esq from a persuasion that conveyance more frequently for N London than for Boston Inland in bill Lading thereof Ships & Sloops &c. & P. A. Mother 2 Ca. No 19-59 & 21-43 is 102 Gallons

I hope thou will approve of my deviating from thy Orders in this respect. Newport being but 30 Miles from N London — I hope soon to see thy proposals for supplying Pastitch Ice for the ensuing year as I am preparing some of the very best Kind & believe I shall be in a situation to furnish it both as to quantity & quality superior to any other

not sent ~~before~~ this no 6. 1796

To Joseph Thebaud — I duly received thy favour of 18th Ult- and have not sufficient reason to assign for my own negligence, but having closed the Sales of the Dauphins material last Summer I sent Copy to my Uncle, & having been absent most of the Summer, I quite forgot to send it to thee — Several articles both of the Dauphin & Betsy are of no Value & others I have credited that may chance to sell when no other is at Market particularly the Betsy's Pots, which if thou thinks they will sell better in NewYork I will gladly send them to thee — I have now closed the Sales & send the Copys Viz: half Dauphins

to thy Cr £45.6.9
half Betsys Dr 36.6.7
£81.13.4

And finding a balance due thee of £173.7.6 I have inclosed thy account Current with my order on Js Anthony & Son for $517.82 — I had intended & hoped upon thy last visit taking off thy Account made thee remittance for the whole balance due thee last Spring but forgot & have not this day, if I have made any that I have omitted charging, thou can correct it —

If thou has money in thy hands of mine I shall be glad to draw upon thee, as he has drawn more upon me than I owe thine —

If Baxter comes here or within my knowledge I will follow thy directions, it is certain he was in if he loaded at Walrich Bay as all the Ships of this Port & Nantucket are long since in — I have heard nothing of Parker — The poor Negro Late the Fox on her return with a very full Cargo of Oil was lost at Quicks Hole, about half her Cargo Saved — I was only interested in her by underwriting $1000 — it is a heavy loss to the owners being mostly without insurance —

Oil with us sells at £30-@£35 I observe by thine it is higher, whereafter I am now shiping the residue of our Ship Barclays Cargo to NewYork —

The Barclay Made us a fine Voyage in less than 12 months, her sales exceed $30,000

Jam&c —

Tho' some long delay in the purchaser of the Negros Oil I never received Documents to enable me to receive the Drawback until 10th mo last some other matters having also occurd in her a/c I now send it to thee & have placed to the balance say £ to thy Credit — Harare & Robenson conceiving that the bill of advances to the Dauphins Crew was due to me sent me the Amount there of which I placed to her Credit, and several omitted bills Coming again

ber I have paid them as also the Masters of 2 servants Minors who were in that
Ship, & to whom I was obligated, the lads were entered on the Roll at 15 Livers Each
to prevent their claiming their own voyages - to them I have paid what appear-
-ed due upon their Shares after deducting what Hazard & Robenson informed me
they had paid. as also the Share of Freeman Taber who returning in another
Ship they remitted me his Share included in that bill. The Davthins Acct is also
inclosed & the balance to thy Credit £ Thou will also receive thy Acct
Current, by which appears balance due thee £ I apprehended I had
made the remittance for the whole balance due thee last Spring upon thy old Acct until taking
off thy Account this day. If I have made any that I have omitted charging thou can
For the balance I now inclose thee my Draft upon Jos Anthony & Son Philadelphia for

8 mo 6 1796

To Barnabas Russell

If thou can purchase me good hogshead Staves with
heading to be delivered early in the Spring at a Landing where the Sloop Swa can take
them, please to dispose of the above order & lay out in them the amount I wish thee to
desire Abijah Shearman to procure the Staves he owes me & to have them where my S-
-loop may go for them, but if thou can send some of thine down with mine to load the
Swa I suppose 25 M he may reserve his for smaller Vessels but I wish to know he has
bought them — I am &c

1 mo 1. 1796

To Jethro Mitchel & Sons

It has been my intention for sometime to take a Con-
-cern in a Ship for the Rusia Trade which I conceive may be advantageously carried on
for the interest of the adventurers & for the convenience of both this Port & Nantucket.
As both you & our family have large concern in Navigation the articles we annually
purchase, of those kind of Goods would make up a tolerable Rusia Cargo. & we annually
export Oil enough to Load a Ship off. of course we might avail ourselves of the pro-
each way my Object has been to Take a Ship of about 200 Tons which would employ
as much Capital as myself & brothers with Capt Hawes (who I proposed for the com-
mand & who would take a part in the Ship) would wish to employ — as I conclude
the Swan may be purchased on good terms, & will be a Capital Ship for the business
2/3 of her would be as much as we should want, & I conceive you might profitable employ
1/3 of such a Ship in that line of business - provided your indinations lied there to,

I see nothing at present but that it will be agreeable to us to take 2/3 with you & to loa
her as early as we can get her out in the Spring. She is I believe a good Ship had a ne
Cable in Hamburgh not wet more than once & Capt Ray informs me will only requ
a foresail for a European Voyage — If she cannot load with Oil perhaps a freight may
had from the Middle Southern States —

If you should feel inclined to engage with me in that business I shall be obliged by
your finding Shubacks lowest terms & the periods of payment — I dout not if we en
gage we can make such arrangements as will be mutually agreeable to us, many fiesh
for a Cargo are now in England, and the more speedily we conclude the more advanta
it may be in having our purchases made in Petersburgh before the Spring opens for
Ships to arrive there — London Hamburgh & Amsterdam are the best deposits
for property to be drawn at Petersburgh — I am &c

1mo 6 1796

To Jos Anthony Jun

Your obliging favour of the 4th Inst I duly received and
feel obliged by your Assurance to Accept Capt Grennells Drafts if he should have
Occasions to draw, but as we hear he has procured a freight, I conclude he will no
draw any large sum — Your letter covered Acct Sales 14 Casks Oil which I have
placed to your debit — I wish I could avail myself of a conveyance to send
you 30 or 40 Casks of Oil, we have some of the very first quality now pressing
but as there is no probability of an opportunity to send it to you, I intend to Ship
it to New York where I expect it will sell for a Dollar a gallon —

I have this day drawn upon you in favour of Jos Thebaud (New York) for
$953 74/100 and yesterday in favour of Jereh Kempton for $400 — and as the latter
is going to Alexandria if he should there draw $600 more I shall be obliged by
your accepting his drafts to that amount & also paying those I have drawn

The difficulty of making negociations at this season with
your City and my present want of money I think will pro
bably induce me to draw again upon you for $1000 to be
brought by water from N York — I conclude you have includ
the 1200 Gallons Oil stored by your direction for the Commit

ors of the Revenue in your demand upon him —
It has all gone according to his Order —
I debit you $ 1000 for the 1200 G.l Oil — Yours &c

1mo 8. 1796

To Asop & Hicks

I duly received your obliging favours of 12 & 13 Ult. and have paid due attention to your observations upon the unclaimed Interest due of Capt. Coffins Stock, it was certainly his expectation to have received all the Interest from the day of purchase, I have acquainted him thereof & he has wrote for another power, and having full confidence in the integrity of the Seller he will only Suffer delay, I am much obliged by they giving me the state of your Markets & prospects of freight, several Vessels from our River I believe have expectation of your assistance, to whom the aid of my recommendation has not yet been wanting —

Wanting a Load of slaves from New York in order to assist my Sloop to a little freight I have Shipped to you 66 Casks whale Oil as p Invoice & Bill Lading inclosed, which I wish your Sale of — I believe our W Roteh & Sons send you also 100 boxes Spermaceti Candles & 10 Tons of Straind Spermaceti Oil, p this Vessel of which doubtless they will inform you or inclose the Invoice in my letter — when you write I shall be glad to know the course of Exchange on London, & also the demand for Ships to fr.t to Europe, also it is uncertain if this trouble of yours produces any profit. I may however be able to give an opinion to my neighbours which may in the end serve your interest —

A late letter from New York mentions the Cargo of a Whale Ship was selling, whale Oil $ 120 & the Spermaceti $ 250 — the former is higher than you have mentioned & as I suppose the Cargo was in your hands I doubt the information — with us it is $ 100 & in Boston $ 110 — Spermaceti you quote 75 c that I conclude must be straind Oil fit for immediate use — with us the common unstrained body Oil sells at £55 1mo —

If you can close the Sale of mine suddenly so as to net me clear of freight Com.n &c $ 100 Cash to be sent in Specie by Capt. Shearman I would rather have it than for it to remain unsold 1mo 8.

Most of my Whale Oil being full bowed which costs us here two Dollars p Ton hope you will obtain paiyment therefor —

To Edmund Prior

1 mo 8. 1796

I think thou has rendered me Sales of 70 boxes Can sent thee by Kempton & Inv.o dated 12 mo 30. 1794 and also 40 boxes p Aikin 1 mo 28 The Sales of all thy provesions I think are sent forward —

Thou mentiond once to me I think an enquiry from Peter Curtenuis respecting 2 try pots he sent me for Sale, I have not till lately succeded in the Sale of the which I wish thee to pay him for $20 each & I will Credit thy account for them —

I have sent the Sloop Susa with a view of procuring a load of hogshead Sta as my brothers will order about ½ her Load. I shall be much obliges by thy sendi me the other ½ or all she will take after their quantity is Shipped of very good thick white Oak Staves & as large a proportion of hick heading as thou can procure up to I wish thee to give her all the dispatch in thy power — by this Sloop I have ship thee Casks very fine Strained Spermaceti Oil wich will command a ready Sale a Dollar p Gallon at least — Aloop & Hicks will receive some by this conveyance from our W R & but altho I mean not to hurt the reputation of theirs for the sa of that of my own, I must tell thee it is far preferable, they will also receive so by another Vessel just going, which is unstrained body Oil, which I mention th thou may know what thou will have is better than any that is going to them —

I shall be glad to have 8 or 10 Tons pig Iron of the best reputation for Casting if thou can easily take hold of them — and I shall be obliged by thy informati where I can command a regular supply of some of the best kind perhaps 150 t p Annum, as I have in contemplation a concern in an Air furnace —

From the extention of our fishery it is with difficulty we can obtain a sufficie supply of staves, and I wish to — the mode of procuring those of the best kind these I suppose commonly come to New York in Rafts. I shall be pleased to hear wheather it would be in the way of my kinsman N Clark to procure me some in the proper season by having the money ready to be advanced (in which case I wish to pass thro thy hands) and what expence would attend such provisio that is for purchasing piling & Yarding, as I could easily send for them when I

knew them ready in thou will also receiving by the Sloop Foster boxes very excellent Candles, which I wish thee to dispose of in Boston they have sold heighty than half a Dollar, but as we shall have a large quantity for Market, it has been our choice a large quantity for Market, it has been to encourage the Sale of them by keeping to that price, as I observe Alsop & Hicks & Wm S Robenson have credited in some late Sales pay ment for boxes I hope that custom has become general, it is only to thee I have sent this Article, A & H receive some in my brand as do also some others in New York but they are all the property of WRS, — I am &c —

1 mo 12. 1796

To Thomas Arnold

Brother Hazard informed thy conduct relative to the Insurance we wished to have made upon Ship Barclay David Swain Master — Viz: that it could be made at 7/8 p% to Delago Bay or elsewhere — but if the Ship went into the Pacific Ocean the addition of one p% Cent — which I like as it is uncertain respecting her going into that Ocean — thou will therefore oblige me & my Brother Thos: by having 8,000 Dollars Insured upon said Ship on the time of her sailing from this Port which was on the 25th of 12 mo — Ship valued at $16,000 I am &c

1 mo 14. 1796

To Benj.n Williams

Being about erecting an Iron Furnace, I am in want of Bricks therefor, and shall like to be furnished by thee, I wish thee to procure four thousand of Furnace Bricks made from the White Clay to come by the very first Vessel from your Port and 12 or 14 M Common Bricks, I wish to have them as early as the Season will allow of laying them —

Please to inform me if I may depend upon thy furnishing them —

I am with due respect thy

Assured friend &c

Additional Order for Goods to Homberg & Homberg Jrenes, to be purchased for Acct. of Wm. Rotch Junr 10 mo. 29. 9

12	Silver Watches	about 68	816.	
24	ditto	ditto 86	2064	
24	ditto	ditto 105	2520	
				5400.
200	Ells	State colour'd Lustring 11	2200.	
200	Ells	Several colours 12	2400.	
50	pcs.	Cambricks such as were chang'd last year from 170 to 205 @ 190.	9500.	
				14100
200	Hats	from 12 to 16 with band & buckle bound with Taste @	2800	
10	Chests	Paper hangings about the quantity in each Chest & quality of those by Grinnell none of cheaper kind	12000	
200	Umbrellas	a 20	4000	
50	ditto	State @ 1000	5000	
				19800
4	pcs.	Sedan blue Broad Cloth a 60	8000	
500	lb	Verdigrise @	3500	
2,000	lb	Yellow Ochre this before the revolution cost 10. or 12. ₰ 100 wt @	240	
				11740
		as much more Glass as can be procured		51040

To Samuel Enderby & Sons Imo 12. 1796

I wrote you on the 11th ult.o by
Brig.t May & also on the morning of her sailing, the former
informing of the Sale of the Barclay Oil at £55 — and the
latter of the arrival of the Columbia bringing information
of Blanchford having lost his Ships at Delago Bay —
Since which, last weeks post has brought me your favour
of Oct.r 28th in which I observe your desire of being more generally acquain
ted with the State of the Fishery from this Country. This
information I shall willingly give, & keep you as well noticed
of any circumstances that will further your views as may
be in my Power — We have at present 12 Ships in the
Fishery & two or three more to go into it in the Spring, per
haps four, all of these 12 except two are now out, One
daily expected & 5 others next season all with right Whale
Oil, perhaps these may find in passing 20 or 30 Tons Sperm
aceti more is not to be reckoned, two of the other 5 may
be expected next fall from Delago Bay who perhaps if pros
perous may bring 200 Tons Sperm.t Oil the other four being
uncertain which Cape they pass may not be expected —
until the Spring or Summer of 1797 — Our Ship Ban
sailed on the 25th of last mo. for the east Cape, but with
same expectation if she had a long Passage in Croping
the Equator, of going into the Western Ocean Should any
of your Ships Speak that Ship David Swain Master
I shall be glad of your information —

At Nantucket 2 Ships are expected in the Spring from the Pacific Ocean
with perhaps 300 Tons Spermaceti Oil and I know of no more Sperm Oil
expected there before next fall except what the Brazil Ships about 30 in —

350
number may chance to meet with, which last year has exceeded former years, alth
100 Tons was not taken by them — It is not improbable to me that next Summer
there will be several Small Vessels on the Fishery on the American Coast, and as
the whales have not been disturbed for several years they may be supposed to do well
but the great Scarcety of Seamen will restrict the number. of future prospects I
shall endeavour to keep you advised — I doubt any more Sperm Oil going to Eng-
land from what is now on hand. as fine Strained Oil sells at one Dollar the Gallon.
or £56 Stg ℔ Ton and the demand much greater than here to fore.

Linseed is from its great scarcity abundantly advanced
two Dollars the bushell is now asked that is not the least
prospect of your having any this year —

There is not the least probability of my being able
to purchase Oil here upon arrival, it is made our people
are quite unwise to. & they are always so fearful of under
selling, that we think we do well if we can make as
bargain for it when it is ready for delivery —

I shall endeavour to keep you advised as occasion
may require. I am very Assuredly &c —

To Edmund Prior 1 mo 15. 1796

I wrote thee by Capt. Shearman in the Sloop Sara who sailed on 2d day last, by whom I shipd thee 50 boxes Candles & 14 Casks fine furr Oil. who I hope has reached New York this day —

I have seen our advertisement some time since by a maker of Candles Moulds in New York being in want of some I wish thee to prouve 12 Dozen Moulds of 4 to Candles — I wish them to be as near like those my Candles have commonly been moulded from as may be, but I suppose some sent thee by the last Vessel are made from Improved Moulds which I by no means like the shape of — please request the maker to make them very smooth on the inside that they may draw easy — I wish them sent forward as early as possible if not done in season for the Sloop — there is some demand here for Pork, which I believe will find a Sale if thou inclines to send any by the Sloop — I hope thou can furnish me with the Acct of my sisters Furniture, & Cost of an Iron Kettle & Curtenius, with those I dont know but I can close thy Account on my books

I shall be pleased with early information if thou can command a freight for a very good Ship of 800 Tons for some part of Europe France excepted, either to go to New York or Virginia, at what rate & when — I have in contemplation with a few others purchasing a Ship for the Russia Trade now in this port, & the prospect of a good freight for her will be an inducement — I am &c —

1 mo 18. 1796

To Wm Burroughs

Gilbert Russell & P Mosher brought me thy two letters this Day, & feel much obliged by thy attention & care of my worthy aunt who I hope will continue to claim thy attention during her ill State of health, & I wish thee to continue to furnish her when she stands in need —

The sum thou advanced G Russell thou may charge my Acct if due to me as also the sum P Mosher was to pay he has paid $50 or 60 of it, & I suppose he will pay the other when he collects it —

When I wrote thee respecting the Packet, I understood she was almost new & that $7000 was the price, afterward, I hear they asked 1300, but it was Parkers & Delano's mind that she would not do at that price, and Parker concludes if Field would part with his it would be the best purchase — We shall not can about one until Spring. Our object in sending when we did was only to prevent an opposition which we expected from W.D. but if he agrees to unite with us we shall wish for as much leisure in procuring one as thou thinks will be best for our interest — Perhaps thou may find by a little waiting that Field will conclude to give up his, on terms that will suit us best, and I fear Westgate is defective from her age — I wish thee to use as much prudence as thou can in finding their lowest terms, & I will consult my partners & give thee immediate notice when I find the Price —

It was not in my power to have sent thee any Cards when Mosher went, but thou may depend upon 50 boxes or more by Capt. Taber who sails tomorrow for Newport, which I hope may be in time, & they will be of superior Quality —

I am &c —

To Gibbs & Channing

1mo 28. 1796

I duly rec.d yours of 24th Ult with 6 Tons Hemp by Bunker making to your Cr. in new Acct 10 Tons — As you did not express any time you should want the Bill I proposed to you I supposed you were not in haste & have delayed in Order to close your Account & to make a settlement with Seath Rogell & Sons, who were to discount with You the Amount of my Account against Ship Union an order from them, I hope now to inclose, with my Bill of Exchange upon Edward Forbes Dublin for £300 Stg —

We sincerly Lament our great disappointment in the Loss of the Bridge more from the inconvenience than Loss of property, and I cannot but hope there will be public Spirit enough to undertake restoring it — My father has proposed a new Subscription to be opened under the former Charter to repair the Bridge the present pro-

proprietors yielding to them & coming in for a division of the income in such proportion as shall be equal say half and he has expressed a Willingness to take 1/10 — I wish to know the proposals of the Proprietors — I am &c

1 mo 27. 1796

To Edward Forbs

I duly received thy two obligations favours dated 15th Apl & 13th Aug.t the former acknowledging the receipt of 42 Casks of Spermaceti Oil & the latter covering Sales thereof the Nett proceeds of which £384.4.3 is to thy debit — I note thy observations upon the Oil trade for which I am obliged, and had determined to have made a larger Shipment the last fall but the price having advanced 50 ℔ Cent with us since that time, I dare not take the risk, and altho I am fully satisfied with thy Sale yet had the Oil laid on hand it would have neted me almost 30 ℔ Cent more than it has Done — I cannot account for your market continuing so low comparing with that of England, from which Country I conclude you have been accustomed to receive considerable supplys where for the last season it has been very high — I doubt not but I may at a future time find it convenient to make another trial perhaps not until next fall — in the mean time I shall be glad to hear thy Judgment upon the state of your Market both for Oil & Spermaceti — I have this day drawn upon thee in favour of our mutual friends Gibbs & Channing for £300 Stg in London at 30 Days, which shall be obliged by thy Paying when it appears, and for the balance due to me I shall be much obliged by thy Shiping me some good Irish Linens for my family use from about 12 to 18 ℔ ℔ Yard — & 1 piece Good Irish Poplin dark Lead Colour by first Ship to Boston Newport or Providence. I am pleased to hear of my uncle T Rotch he is a man of much enterprize & many experiments in the present project I hope he will succeed — I am &c

(Grenville).

Order for Goods to be Shipped by Homberg & Homberg Jrcvr. for Acct. Wm Rotch Junr. 1mo 1795

20 boxes	9.7 window Glass	}	120 boxes a 30/	3600
40 do.	8.6. do.			
40. do.	10.8			
10 do.	11.9			
10 do.	12.10			

		In.	In.		
6	framed Looking Glasses	32.	24.	90/	540
6	do	30.	22.	80	480
6	do	28.	20.	60	360
6	do	24.	18.	40	240
6	do	22.	16.	30	180
12	Mahogony frames	20.	14.	16	192
12	do do	18.	12.	12	144
24	do do	12.	8.	4	96
24	do do	12.	8.	4	96

prime	60 pair Grey Mens Silk Stockings		9	540
prime 40 pr	20 pr. White do	7/6 to 12/	9	180
	20 pr. do do		12	240
	6 doz. Money purses		21	126
	40 pc. Common Coarse Sheeting of good quality			2000
	500 lb Sail twine finer than the last as that was too large for our use	26/		500
	500 lb Seine twine & pattern thro Thread			500

added. 1mo 15.

12. Silver watches about. 60 Lines
12. ditto ... 84. —
12. ditto less than 60. if they will go keep pretty good time —

Order for Goods to be Shipp'd by John Hoyland
for Account William Rotch Junr. 3mo 1. 1793

30 Doz	Split bone half knives & forks			a 18	£ 2	10 —
30 D°	D°	D°	D°	2/	3	" "
20 D°	Stag	D°	D°	2/3	2	5 "
20 D°	Buck	D°	D°	3/	3	" "
20 D°	Chinase Split Bone		D°	2/6	2	10 "
2 D°	D°	Green Ivory	D°	Dessert knives only 1/6	3	" "
40 D°	D°	White Bone peg handles				
6 D°	D°	Greene Ivory	D°	D° knives only 6/	1	16 "
40 D°	pocket knives Smooth Joints			4 to 6/	10	" "
20 D°	Barlow Penknives			4 to 5/	4	10
20 D°	D°			3/	3	" "
20 D°	Children Spotted bone & Brass handles			1/	1	" "
12 D°	Risors Casteel			4/6 to 7/	3	" "
40 D°	Sussars Assorted best not exceed			5/	6	" "
					£ 45	11 "

Order for Goods to be shipped purchased by W. Homberg & Homberg Jones, for Acct. of Wm. Rotch Junr. 9 mo. 28. 1793

					£ s. d.
24	looking Glass	abt. 34 by 24		100	2400 " "
24	D°	28	20	70	1680
24	D°	24	18	50	1200
24	Mohogony frame	24	18	50	1200
48	ditto	18	14	20	960
48	ditto	15	12	12	576
48	ditto	12	9	8	1568
48	ditto	10	8		
100	ditto	8	6		9584
500 boxes	8. 6. window Glass				
250	9. 7	ditto		a 40	32000
50	8. 10	ditto			
20000	Tumblers			20	4000
500	Decanters			2	1000
400 pairs	Silk Stockings	assorted		12	4800
				Livres	51384

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9mo 1794
To procure for Le Negre.

300	20 bls Pork prime	
120	20 - Flour	
100	20 : Middlings for bread	
150	45 Cs best Ship bread	
15	15 bus Beans	
5	18 bu. Peare	
690		

1794. 9mo
To procure for the Barclay.

15	35	Beef	150
15	25	Pork	225
	25.	Flour	150
	20 Bgs	Middlings	120
	20 Cs	best Ship bread	70
	65 Cs	good ditto	160
	20 bu	Peare	20
			995

Casks for the Barclay

Iron	Second hand of Mary		Iron
66	D° of Negre		20
15.6	engaged of Seth Russell New		30
42		Abm Shearman	40
3.1.22½		Jethro Babcock	4
6.5.19½		Benj Mosher	6
12.7.5½		Caleb Russell	12
7		Paul Allen Sapd	05
		D° wood	5 wood
12		1 Rotts of P H	19 D°
13.1.18		P Shearman	10
15		Ships Cask	15 Iron
3		Cyder Salt barrels	6 -
6.2		Beef & Pork	5
			214
		P Shearman - Shakes	4
5		Humphry Howland	5 Iron
1		lost in New York	2
7.1.24½		Shakes of B Hill	2
6	Iron of	D° J Howland	228
3	BH	Corn Casks	2½
220		wood hoop empty	2
2½		Clay & Flour	
½			227½
			1900

100

110
166
276

27.12
5 -
1.8
34